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Improved status for NMI workers in immigration bill

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A provision pertaining to improved status for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI is expected to be included in a U.S. Senate national immigration reform bill set for release as early as Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

The Senate proposal gives millions of immigrants living illegally in the United States a chance at citizenship, representing the most ambitious overhaul of the nation's immigration system in three decades.

As of last night, the CNMI-specific language in the sweeping immigration bill has yet to be officially known.

"Until we see the bill, there is no telling what is in there," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"We have asked the Gang of Eight in both chambers to include Northern Marianas language in their base bill and we will know if we are included when the bill rolls out in either, or in both, chambers. And while we remain hopeful, we

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NMI joins prayers for Boston victims

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Island leaders and residents have joined the nation in praying for the victims of two bombs that went off near the finish line of the prestigious Boston Marathon in Massachusetts on Monday, killing three people, including an 8-year-old boy, and wounding at least 144 others.

"I was shocked to see that on television. It reminded me of the 9/11 attacks and the threats from North Korea. My family and I pray for the victims and their families," Chester Cuento, a Navy Hill resident, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Cuento, however, said that fear should not deter people from going about their daily lives.

"I hope there won't be any more of this. We were worried about North Korea's threats, and now this, but we have to pray and hope that we don't have to experience any of those," he added.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a statement, said, "What occurred in Boston has no place in our society."

"Early [yesterday] morning, many of us woke up to the tragic news of explosions that occurred near the finish line of the renowned Boston Marathon. Lt. Gov. [Jude] Hofschneider and I join the state of Massachusetts and the nation in

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Bill Iffrig, 78, lies on the ground as police officers react to a second explosion at the finish line of the Boston Marathon in Boston, Monday, April 15, 2013. Iffrig, of Lake Stevens, Wash., was running his third Boston Marathon and near the finish line when he was knocked down by one of two bomb blasts. AP

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US military: Safety, noise level, economic impact to be studied

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Concerns about safety and security, socio-economic impact, effects on people's health and wellbeing, and environmental impacts, among other things, won't be fully answered until the U.S. Department of Defense conducts further studies as part of its plan to build a series of live-fire and maneuver ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Craig B. Whelden, Marine Forces Pacific executive director out of Hawaii, said the military will consider the concerns and questions raised dur-

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Saipan on list of top entry points for Chinese tourists

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The *Travel Retail Business* magazine has included Saipan on its list of leading ports of entry into the U.S. for lucrative high-spending Chinese travelers this summer.

The magazine, which provides news reports and analytical commentary to duty free and travel retail industry leaders and decision makers, ranked Saipan on the No. 11 spot given its air services to Guangzhou and Shanghai.

The ranking is based on statistics from the flight information specialist Innovata, stated the magazine's website, www.trbusiness.com.

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Mobil gas prices down 10 cents anew

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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands rolled back anew its pump prices by 10 cents a gallon at 3pm yesterday, some eight days since its previous price cut of the same amount.

Saipan motorists now pay $4.909 for every gallon of regular unleaded gasoline at Mobil service stations on Saipan.

Super unleaded gasoline now also costs $5.229 a gallon.

Diesel, meanwhile, is now at $5.319 a gallon.

As of press time yesterday, Shell Marianas' pump prices remained the same but the two oil giants historically mirror each other's price changes.

Lorna E. Kitagawa, of Garapan, said she's happy that gas prices went down again so she could stretch her $100 gas budget every two weeks.

"It will have a big effect, every 10 cents counts for me," she said as she was filling up her sport utility vehicle at a Mobil service station in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

Vince Pua, 21, also of Garapan, said he hopes regular gas will further go down to $4.50 a gallon, adding, "If that happens, I will be really happy." He said he spends some $150 a month for his 4-Runner.

Gerry Hemley, a Navy Hill resident, said he saw at least two Mobil service stations actually changing the prices on their price displays as he drove by around 3pm yesterday and he felt a bit relieved.

"I am going to gas up tonight more than usual," he said. "Savings of almost 11 cents a gallon would help a lot. Especially these days when things are expensive, savings from gas is helpful."

Gas prices in the CNMI are among, if not the highest, on American soil. Early this year, gas prices on Saipan hit a record high with regular unleaded gasoline reaching $5.20, but Rota and Tinian gas prices were worse, with diesel reaching almost $7 a gallon. Employees earning the CNMI's minimum wage of $5.55 an hour said they have to work at least an hour to pump a gallon of gas into their car.

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Saipan's latest gas prices on display at a Mobil service station in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

PSS takes precautionary steps in response to NKorea threat

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The Public School System has initiated precautionary measures and revisited emergency and logistics plans in the wake of North Korean threats to attack U.S. military installations in the region.

On Friday, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., called an emergency meeting with school principals and she confirmed yesterday that this subject was the focus of their discussion.

Besides reviewing the PSS emergency and logistics management plan, she disclosed that public schools also updated a particular section in the plan called "Shelter in Place."

"We have had several emergency drills at PSS [that] include tsunami, earthquake, armed intruder, fire, and hazmat drills, but never a 'Shelter in Place.' This emergency information is necessary as we continue to work with our schools in updating our emergency and logistics plan and in the event we have to respond to a foreign military threat," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

She said PSS needs to take precautions as it is responsible and accountable for over 10,000 students and over 900 faculty and staff.

"Safety and orderly school campus is one of our priority and we must make the most of it to assure our parents and our community that our schools are safe and we will continue to do our best make them safe for our children each day that they come to school," she said.

Saipan Tribune learned that during the emergency meeting, schools were issued an Alert I level in relation to a North Korea attack. Schools were also issued tips and informational materials for students and employees on what to do during an attack.

It was learned that the Chacha Oceanview Junior High campus was designated as the evacuation site for this type of incident.

Sablan said that keeping children and personnel safe is their priority. "I would like to remind everyone that school is almost out, summer is just a couple of months away, graduation is around the corner and there is going to be a lot of excitement in our community. I would like to remind everyone about safety, whether students are taking off from home to get on the bus, students walking to and from school, getting into the car and putting on their seat belts, and not to ride with strangers, nor to talk to strangers, to report anything unusual to proper authorities, and most importantly to always remember safety."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos early this month laid out the CNMI's contingency plans after North Korea ratcheted up its threats to attack U.S. bases in Japan, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland.

Inos earlier said his administration continues to be kept apprised of ongoing developments, with the assistance of Guam Homeland Security and in collaboration with intelligence officers from the Department of Defense.

Inos names Ogumoro DCCA secretary

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos nominated yesterday Laura T. Ogumoro as Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary, a post she has been holding in an acting capacity since March 18. Her nomination requires the Senate's advice and consent.

The governor earlier said that three individuals were being considered for the post, including Rep. Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan).

Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she will stay on as "Precinct 1's voice of reason."

"I considered it but again, I am honoring the trust and confidence that the people of Election District 1 gave me. I will continue to be Precinct 1's voice of reason and I don't need to be DCCA secretary to assist the department and the people," she said in a phone interview.

Maratita said she didn't know about the governor's decision to appoint Ogumoro until she was asked for comment by the media.

"I have a confidence in Laura; she will be a good DCCA secretary," Maratita added.

Had the governor picked Maratita, a special election would be held to fill the House vacancy she would leave behind.

Ogumoro's appointment now heads to the Senate. If confirmed, Ogumoro will fill the vacancy at DCCA following former secretary Melvin L.O. Faisao's resignation last month.

Ogumoro has been the acting DCCA secretary since March 18, while the administration vetted potential candidates to fill the vacancy.

The administration said in the end, "Gov. Inos felt that Ogumoro, whose original position is as administrator of DCCA's Division of Youth Services, was the right person to lead the department under this administration."

"Initially, I had asked Laura to manage the department while the Lt. Governor and I work on organizing the Executive Branch. In doing so, she demonstrated that she can efficiently manage such a large department and so I met with her again and presented the opportunity to officially fill the post," Inos said in a statement.

Ogumoro holds a bachelor's degree from the Eastern Oregon University and was a social worker for DYS from 1989 to 1992 and from 1995-1997. She then moved up to supervisor of the DYS Child Protection Unit from 1997 to 2011, when she was again elevated to administrator of DYS.

"Laura brings with her a vast wealth of training and certifications that are critical to the component units under DCCA. Lt. Gov. [Jude] Hofschneider and I are confident that, with the approval of the Senate, she will be a tremendous asset to our Commonwealth in her new role as Secretary of DCCA," Inos said.

The administration also said Ogumoro's confirmation will signal "a new beginning for DCCA," whose component units include DYS, the Nutrition Assistance Program Office, Office on Aging, Child Care, and other federally funded human services programs.

The almost two-month-old Inos administration still has other Cabinet appointments to make, including that of the Department of Public Lands secretary.

PSS incurs $2.4M in utility cost in just six months

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Six months before the end of the fiscal year, the Public School System is already out of money to pay for its power consumption in the next several weeks following disclosure that it has incurred $2.390 million in utility charges from October 2012 through March 2013.

Acting PSS finance director George Palican said the past six months' consumption is even higher than the $2.3 million appropriated for PSS utilities this fiscal year.

PSS records show that PSS was billed $395,448 in October 2012, representing $90,729 in sewer bill and $99,053 in water charges. In November, consumption was higher, with monthly billing totaling $419,759 representing a wastewater bill of $95,677 and water cost of $112,266.

Palican said PSS continues to see a significant rise in its CUC bill.

The system was billed $413,216 in December, representing sewer consumption of $101,326 and $111,452 water charges.

A slightly lower CUC charge was noted in January, $294,733, representing $63,917 for sewer and $82,691 for water. In February, PSS utility cost totaled $359,286, composed of $76,043 for sewer and $89,691 for water. Last month, the system's CUC bill reached $308,058, composed of $71,315 for sewer and $82,916 for water.

According to Palican, of the $31.046 million PSS budget for this fiscal year, 53 percent has already been exhausted.

Under the existing budget, $26.6 million is for personnel cost and $13.5 million of that amount has already been utilized. Of the $2 million budget for all others, $1.098 million has already been spent in the last six months.

Of the $2.3 million budget for utilities, $1.9 million has already been paid to the utilities corporation.

With the recent passage of a Senate bill that provides rate relief to the school system, Palican is confident that it will help PSS survive in the next six months.

Education officials said that PSS is being charged 10 times more than commercial users for water and 20 times more for its sewer consumption.

MMAC team meeting tomorrow

The 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer committee will be holding a team captains' meeting on Thursday, April 18, beginning at 5:30pm at the Commonwealth Cancer Association office on Middle Road in Gualo Rai (near NMPASI).

"We invite all team captains or their representatives to attend this important meeting. We have just over a week left before the MMAC so we encourage everyone to attend," said 2013 MMAC team recruitment chair Catherine Attao-Toves.

"Also, the MMAC proclamation signing event will take place at 10:30am [tomorrow], April 18, at the DFS Galleria Main Hall in Garapan. All teams are urged to attend this event. … [Gov.] Eloy Inos will be present to sign the proclamation," said Attao-Toves.

The MMAC is the largest cancer fundraising activity in the CNMI. It is the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

The 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held on April 26-27, from 6pm to 6am at Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao. ***(MMAC)***

Four-month housing allowance of hospital staff released

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. employees received a portion of their long-awaited housing benefit yesterday.

Corporation COO and chief financial officer Esther Muña confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that four months of the delayed housing allowance were paid yesterday afternoon.

The released checks cover the housing allowances for September through December 2012.

This benefit, which amounts to $600 per month for single employees and $800 for those with families, is given to staff and clinical personnel who were recruited from outside the Commonwealth.

Majority of the recipients are nurses hired from the Philippines.

The Marianas Public Land Trust recently approved a new $3-million loan for the corporation after it paid off its first line of credit on March 9.

Muña said the $3 million will be used to pay four months' worth of housing allowance; pay a portion of CHCC's debt with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.; pay the hospital's maintenance supplies vendor; restock medical supplies; and pay for other small accounts.

CHCC is still behind by four months—from January 2013 to April 2013—in paying the housing allowance of its staff.

Employees who got their checks yesterday were appreciative of the corporation's decision to issue four months' worth of housing allowance all at once.

A nurse working at the Commonwealth Health Center for 15 years told *Saipan Tribune* that she can now pay all her dues here and back home. She received a total of $3,200 (minus tax).

Muña, during Friday's board meeting, assured trustees that the staff's housing allowance will continue to be paid every month until everything is paid in full. These payments are expected to come from the hospital's monthly collections.

Other employees interviewed expressed optimism over Muña's assurance, saying this will help boost both productivity and morale at the public hospital.

FED CONSULTANT URGES NMI GOVT:

'Make Medicaid a legislative priority'

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The key to the success of the local healthcare system is the CNMI government's commitment to Medicaid, according to federal government consultant Dr. Poki Stewart Namkung.

Namkung was sent by federal health agencies to the CNMI for at least a six-week consultancy work to support hospital efforts in meeting the Conditions of Participation with Medicare.

"I think this island needs to make a commitment to fully fund Medicaid. Just look around and you will see that healthcare is so important to this population. [Medicaid] has to be a legislative priority by this government in order for this corporation to fully succeed," said Namkung.

Medicaid is a U.S. health program for people and families with low incomes and resources. It is jointly funded by the state and federal governments, and is managed by states like the CNMI.

According to corporation records, Medicaid reimbursements received by the hospital in fiscal year 2012 totaled $6.142 million.

Namkung emphasized that the federal government—including the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease and Control—is committed to helping the CNMI public hospital.

Namkung cited the several millions of dollars available for Medicaid reimbursement that the CNMI can only avail of by meeting the local matching requirement.

Namkung said she will be at the corporation probably until the next CMMS survey in July. Her visit, she said, is to help in the transition period after the Commissioned Corps left last month and help implement the team's sustainability plan for the hospital.

Joining Namkung at the hospital this week is Johnathan Goh, a financial consultant tasked to assist the corporation with its finances and accounting policies and procedures. Goh is scheduled to leave today.

Prior to accepting this consultancy work in the CNMI, Namkung said she had expected to see a non-functioning hospital. Finding the opposite was a pleasant surprise, she added.

Given CHC's financial challenges since the beginning, Namkung is optimistic that it will make a positive turnaround.

"I still think that we have a chance to be successful. The feds is very committed—whether commitment to enlarging or expanding access to healthcare of people—in helping this public hospital and there's a tremendous amount of federal monies available that this island should take advantage of," said Namkung, citing the many benefits from Obamacare.

She admitted that implementing the recommendations of the Commissioned Corps would be a huge challenge for CHCC due to the lack of funds but, with a dedicated workforce, she has no doubt the hospital will maintain its certification.

"We have to turn this ship around and we will succeed!" she added.

HERE'S PROOF

Rep. Roman Benavente (IR-Saipan) shows Monday his Tinian air fare receipt that he personally paid for on Friday, contrary to what he said was the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of directors' claims that he and other lawmakers got a free trip to Tinian to check the island's health center, on CHC's dime.

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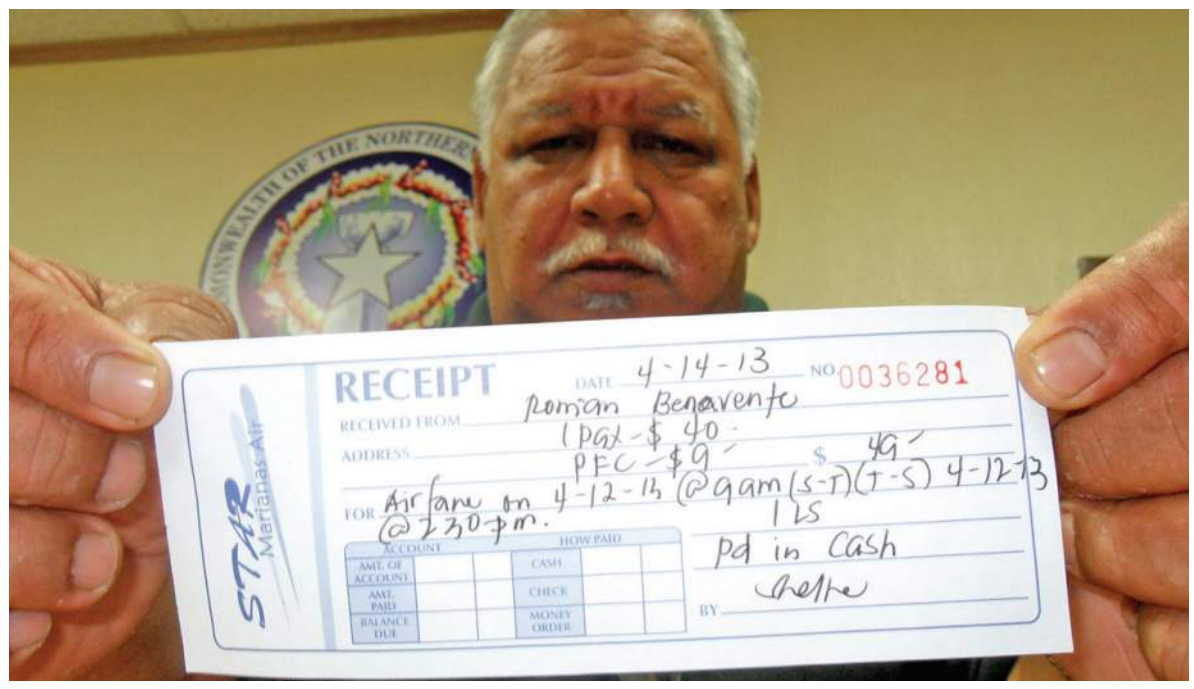

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Equal number of Korean, Japanese visitors seen in 2013

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The Korean market is "very strong" and is expected to "almost equal" the Japanese market in the CNMI in 2013 as the islands anticipate its largest increase in tourism arrivals, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Tenorio, guest speaker of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday, said that projections for the current fiscal year based on available air services show that total visitor arrivals will hit the over 456,000 mark—the largest since the pre-Japan Airlines pullout several years ago.

These projections factor in data from travel partners in Japan, Korea, and other source countries, he said.

Tenorio disclosed in his presentation that the Commonwealth has seen a rapid growth in the Korean market in the last four years, with arrivals expected to increase by 6 percent this year. This translates to over 156,000 tourists or about 34.2 percent of the market share.

In a later interview, however, Tenorio noted that the tension between North and South Korea has already prompted some cancellations, as advised by MVA's offshore partners, adding that future bookings are a "bigger concern."

Meanwhile, the Japanese market is seeing a gradual recovery in the last three years. Estimates show that the Japanese market will have 35.1 percent of the market share, which equates to over 160,000 travelers this year.

China remains the fastest growing market in the Commonwealth at 91,800 or 20.1 percent of projected total arrivals in fiscal year 2013. Tenorio said this is the same level with the Korean market data five years ago.

With the diversification of the CNMI tourism market, Tenorio said they expect to have close to 2 percent or more than 8,500 Russian tourists, and less than 9 percent of Taiwan and other visitors.

Given these projections, Tenorio disclosed that the CNMI can expect $1 billion in total economic impact based on number of occupants per hotel room, average length of stay, average room rate, and average on-island expenditure for all source countries.

According to Tenorio, the Northern Marianas is limited by the number of available hotel rooms. At present, the total number of rooms on the islands is posted at 3,300 while the Hotel Association of the NMI reports 2,400.

Some 600 rooms are offline due to closure of a few hotels or those that have been purchased but have yet to be developed, including Palms Resort Saipan and Coral Ocean Point, both of which were purchased by Korean conglomerate E-Land.

"If we can get those rooms open, we can bring another 160,000 visitors to the island, which will generate about $256 million in additional economic activity and employ additional 1,200 public sector and 1,300 private sector jobs," said Tenorio.

He said the administration, along with MVA and key industry players, have met with Korean conglomerate E-land to reiterate calls to develop their acquired properties.

"They are aware that there is a strong interest in seeing these rooms open up for the industry," he added.

Tenorio added that MVA continues to educate the community to emphasize the economic value of the tourism industry in the Commonwealth, as well as work with private sector partners to create more projects that will enhance the destination.

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remembering the innocent victims who lost their lives and those who sustained injuries. We also pray for the families of the victims," the governor said.

As authorities investigate this "act of terror, we are hopeful that many open questions get answered."

"At this point in time, we have not received any information from any source indicating whether any of our local residents were in the area at the time of the incident. We ask the people of the Commonwealth to keep those affected and the people of Boston in their thoughts as they make every effort to recover from this insensible tragedy," the governor added.

David R. Maratita, a Garapan resident, said his prayers and condolences go out to the victims and their families.

"And we hope they find the perpetrators and bring them to justice," he added.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said: "Mere words are insufficient to console the loved ones of those lost at the Boston Marathon."

"But we must do what we can to care for them. We must ensure that justice will be done," he said.

Like countless others around the globe, Sablan said his thoughts and prayers are with the people of Boston and with the families of all of the victims of the "brutal attack."

"We pray for the health and recovery of those injured and for the first responders who arrived on the scene to tend to the wounded and secure the area," he said.

Sablan said he has no information at this time whether anyone from the CNMI was in the area when the bombs went off.

"I know that I speak for all of us in the Northern Mariana Islands when I say that we will stand as a source of support and comfort to the Boston community in the days to come," he added.

President Barack Obama vowed that "any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

He also said Boston "is a tough and resilient town" and Americans will stand by Bostonians "every single step of the way."

"On days like this there are no Republicans or Democrats—we are Americans, united in concern for our fellow citizens," he added.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo said her thoughts and prayers are with the people of Boston and all those affected by this tragedy.

"I join the people of Guam in extending my condolences to the families of the victims of these senseless attacks in Boston. As we learn more about this developing situation, I will join my colleagues in Congress to provide any support the city and Massachusetts may need," she said.

In recent days, island residents have also been following the news about North Korea's threats to attack its neighbors, including Guam. The CNMI government said it has been working with its Guam counterpart and the U.S. military in developing a contingency plan in the event North Korea carries out its threats.

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are cautiously optimistic," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said they are "more optimistic than ever" that this time around, long-term foreign workers in the CNMI could expect improved immigration status under U.S. law.

"If it's pathway to citizenship, the better," he said.

Sagana said even those who have been legally working in the CNMI for 20 or more years still fear not having their employment contract renewed year after year.

"An improved immigration status will change that," Sagana added.

The Inos administration has also not seen the national immigration bill yet.

"We understand that Congressman Sablan has been working to include the CNMI in the bill. The administration is hopeful that with Congressman Sablan's input in Washington, the bill, when completed, will also include the CNMI and how best it may benefit from such a measure," press secretary Angel Demapan said.

Any improved immigration status proposal would require an additional waiting time from the date the bill becomes law. That could be three, five, eight or more years.

Moreover, it is expected that this applies only to those who have been in the CNMI for at least five years as of May 2008 and continues to be here legally until the bill is enacted into law.

The immigration proposal from an eight-member bipartisan group in the U.S. Senate also aims to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants into the country by creating tens of thousands of new visas for foreign workers in low-skilled jobs, according to a 17-page summary of the bill that *The Washington Post* obtained ahead of Tuesday's release of the bill.

The legislation—marking the first comprehensive effort since a 2007 plan died in the Senate—is intended to largely solve the problem of illegal immigration while clearing a backlog of millions of foreigners trying to enter the country through legal channels, *The Washington Post* added.

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was included on the list. The rest were mostly airports in the U.S. mainland. Saipan comes right after the Washington Dulles Airport in Virginia. In the top three spots were the Los Angeles Airport in California, Vancouver Airport in Canada, and San Francisco Airport, also in California.

This distinction comes soon after Saipan was voted as the best destination for families by Asiana Airlines cabin crew members this month and "The Most Popular Island Destination" during the 2012 LOHAS Award Ceremony organized by the most popular Beijing-based lifestyle magazine in China in December.

Asiana Airlines asked 1,825 of its cabin crew members for their preferences for different travel purposes and Saipan came out on top for family-oriented vacations with children. Respondents cited the natural environment, recreational facilities and relatively short flying time from Seoul.

These laurels prove that Saipan has "a wonderful product," according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Tenorio noted in an interview following his Tuesday's presentation at the Saipan Rotary Club that the agency's ultimate goal is to ensure visitor satisfaction, with or without any awards.

"If we continue what we're doing to enhance the destination, hopefully we'll see more people recognizing that," he said.

Tenorio said that despite limited resources and manpower, Saipan has come a long way in its destination enhancement efforts not only for tourists but for the residents as well, giving rise to positive changes that are more evident nowadays.

He said efforts have been strengthened by the government-initiated Tourism Task Force, which also includes the MVA.

Tenorio also cited the need for government agencies to work together with tourism industry development in mind, as well as collaboration with the private sector given the administration's limitations. This would ensure that the images in brochures, website, and other marketing tools which entice visitors to the islands would be the same as when they arrive.

"We need to take pride that we live in such a beautiful place and we want to make sure that our tourists see the islands for what they are," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Tenorio believes that the public is becoming more and more aware about their participation in destination enhancement, as the tourism industry is the sole economic driver for the Commonwealth.

"Everybody has a function. Everybody that comes in here from the travel industry eventually trickles down and touches everybody. If they say that it's not their business, then they're sadly mistaken. Tourism is everybody's business," he added.

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ing their public scoping meetings last week on Saipan and Tinian as they go through a complicated process.

Whelden said there is no plan to lease additional lands on Tinian. Some two-thirds of Tinian lands are already under lease to DoD.

The whole of Pagan or a large portion of it could also be leased under the military's latest plan that seeks to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific.

Below are excerpts from an interview with Whelden:

Saipan Tribune: **How safe is the plan to have live-fire ranges on Tinian?**

Whelden: It's a live-fire training and maneuver [areas]. First of all, there's a little over 3,000 residents in Tinian. Most of them live in San [Jose], the southern part of the island. There are no residents that are living in the DoD property. There are some cattle ranching in the leaseback area. We were talking to some of the cattle ranchers just like on [Wednesday] night on Tinian, on how we might collaborate and meet their needs for grazing while at the same time meeting our needs for training.

Q: How noisy will it be? Is it a safe noise level for humans?

Whelden: It will be noisy if you're near the noise, certainly. As part of the NEPA [National Environmental Policy Act] process, the environmental impact statement, noise is one of the areas that we look at very, very closely. We take very scientific approach to determine what kind of noise is being emanated from what location, what decibel level does that go out to, what range, and how does it hurt at certain range…. All those kinds of things are carefully considered to ensure that we minimize any noise impact on residents.

Q: What's the biggest artillery that will be used on Tinian?

Whelden: Probably the biggest is 155 millimeter, which is an artillery round, 105 which is a smaller artillery round, and several kinds of mortar rounds… But the 155 artillery round would be the largest one we would use.

Q: Will there be objects flying in the villages' direction? Any assurance that that won't happen?

Whelden: Again these are all preliminary plans. But within the training area there is what we call an impact zone where you can only fire live ordnance that is dud-producing into. The 155 millimeter, any artillery round is dud-producing round. Dud-producing means when it lands on the ground, it may not blow up initially so that's a semi-permanent area that we don't allow people to go into. And that is a defined area that is small and it would be restricted access.

The target is fixed. And you can use varying points in a clock, for example, to shoot from but you can only shoot into the middle, the target area.

One of the key things for Tinian is that the firing positions for the artillery is the north, all the way far north as we can get them shooting into the impact area because the guns themselves make noise when they go off and so you want to keep them away from residents as well.

Q: Will it be 24-hour training or operations?

Whelden: What I can tell you is you won't find any Marine Corps bases around the world typically that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We don't do that.

We typically do training about five days a week. We sometimes do night training but not always. In fact, infrequently. Most of them would be day time. I don't know what the schedule would be. It would be basically a function of how many ranges, what kind of ranges, what the training requirements are, what the density of the Marines on the island are and what their training requirements. So I can't quantify for you now the number of hours per day. We would have to examine that once we have an established plan.

But we don't have an established plan yet. That's the purpose of our visit this time is to gather information from the community and the leadership of the CNMI to ensure we understand what their concerns are. So as we move forward in the planning, we can incorporate consideration of those concerns to our planning. ***To be continued.***

LESS THAN 2 HOURS BEFORE CORIA MURDER

Another woman also attacked by knife-wielding man in '96

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Less than two hours before Filipino cashier Virginia Dejito Coria was brutally killed on Oct. 15, 1996, another woman escaped an attack by a knife-wielding unidentified man in a bushy area near the murder scene.

A source disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the attack on the woman occurred at the Rem Center area in Gualo Rai.

When asked about the case, Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. confirmed yesterday that the incident involving a Chinese woman indeed happened at the Rem Center area.

Rem Center is only a few meters from the former K-Store, which is located beside Shell Service Station. Coria was then 42 years old when she was found dead in her small bedroom located in the back of the former K-Store, where she was employed as a cashier.

Coria's throat was reportedly slashed. The autopsy showed she had wounds in both hands, indicating she put up a struggle against the suspect.

The source said the incident involving the Chinese garment worker was never reported to the media because the murder of Coria was the big news story at the time.

Citing the distance of the two crime scenes and the similar weapon used, among other things, the source pointed out that investigators should try to "connect the dots" in the two cases.

Blas said that detectives are investigating both cases separately and they have not found any links so far.

Blas said the attack on the Chinese woman was reported to DPS on Oct. 15, 1996, at 9:59pm, while the call to police in the case of Coria was at about 11:10pm that same evening.

Blas said preliminary investigations showed that the Chinese woman was walking along the intersection of Rem Center when an unidentified man grabbed her from behind.

The suspect held the victim at knifepoint but she struggled and managed to run north to the Shell gas station.

The victim lost her wallet. She sustained a laceration on her back as a result of the knife attack.

The victim described the suspect as about 5'6" tall, skinny, and with short curly hair.

Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives are encouraging anyone who has any information about this crime or may have seen suspicious person(s) or activity between the hours of 8pm to 10pm around the vicinity of Rem Center on that evening to call 664-9054 or the NMI Crime Stoppers Tips Line at 234-7272.

Blas recently disclosed that CIB's Special Homicide Activity Resolution Partnership has re-opened its investigation into the murder of Coria as investigators have identified a person of interest.

New case vs Miah dismissed

»OAG moves to drop charges on day of trial

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday granted the Office of the Attorney General's motion to dismiss another criminal case filed against Mohammed Jahangir Miah.

Camacho dismissed without prejudice the information charging Miah with receiving stolen property and four counts of criminal contempt.

Dismissal without prejudice means the case can be filed again in the future.

Assistant attorney general Chemere K. McField moved to dismiss the case on the day of Miah's scheduled bench trial on Monday, saying the government is unable to meet its burden, among other reasons.

Unhappy with the last-minute motion to dismiss, Camacho asked McField to submit a written motion in court.

Attorney Colin Thompson is counsel for the 38-year-old Miah.

Miah

In the written motion filed yesterday, McField said the government "sincerely regrets any inconvenience this dismissal has caused."

McField disclosed that the government had multiple attorneys working on the case, in conjunction with eight criminal cases currently pending against Miah before the court.

The prosecutor said in an effort to maximize resources and streamline negotiations, the government has attempted to reach a non-trial disposition on all nine pending cases.

"This negotiation has caused a delay in the Commonwealth's effort to singularly move forward on this case. At this time, however, the Commonwealth is unable to meet its burden," McField said.

Then chief prosecutor Peter Prestley, who filed the charges, alleged that Miah received a stolen wristwatch on Oct. 3, 2012, in violation of bail modification orders issued by the Superior Court in Miah's four other criminal cases.

Last month, the federal court sentenced Miah to 21 months in prison for the production of fraudulent CNMI driver's licenses. He was given credit for time served.

In July 2012, the federal court acquitted Miah in a case of conspiracy to forge stale CNMI tax refund checks.

Last January, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo dismissed another criminal case that charged Miah with receiving stolen property and violating the terms of release in other cases.

In October 2012, another case charging Miah with receiving stolen items belonging to a public school was also dismissed.

Saipan Tribune noted that different attorneys handling Miah's cases in local and federal courts spell Miah's first name as either Mohammed or Mohammad.

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We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to MSV Enterprises & Joeten Enterprises, along with their families for their contributions.

NOTE: The Anniversary Committee is also pleased to announce continuing T-shirt sales at JKPL. Also please join us at the next Parking Lot Rummage Sale on May 18, 2013 in Susupe. Call 235-7316 or 7319 if any question.

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Japanese Rotary donates books to Saipan public library

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Visiting members of the Kishiwada North Rotary Club pose for a group photo with the Saipan Rotary Club, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and the CNMI Library Council following the presentation of a book donation worth $1,500 last Saturday.

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Patrons at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library now have more reference materials to use when learning about the history and culture of Japan following the book donation of the Kishiwada North Rotary Club.

Six officers of the Kishiwada North Rotary Club, along with three spouses, handed some 50 books to the JKPL staff and CNMI Library Council members on April 13. All donated books were printed in Japan and written in English.

The visiting Rotarians who arrived Friday evening were Kanji Kishi, president; Shozo Joe Nishide, vice president and Vocational Service Committee director; Masao Taniguchi, secretary; Toshiaki Shirai, director of International Service Committee, New Generation Committee, and Program Attendance Fellowship Committee; Kakushi Morigaki, director of Magazine Club Bulletin Committee; and Tomio Kawanaka, 2013-2014 president-elect.

"We are very proud to do this," Nishide, the group's spokesperson, said in an interview shortly before the presentation.

According to Nishide, the Rotary District 2640 governor gives away books about Japan to clubs around the world. With the Kishiwada North Rotary Club's relationship with its counterpart on Saipan, Nishide said they decided to share the culture of their country with the people of the Northern Marianas.

CNMI Library Council chair Mark Rabauliman said they are very grateful for the generous donation, which amounts to $1,500.

"It's a healthy collection for all the CNMI patrons to avail," said Rabauliman.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Kishiwada North Rotary Club president Kanji Kishi, right, hands a banner to Saipan Rotary Club president Pete Shilling.

Council member Lucy Norita Shilling and JKPL executive director John Gonzales separately said the new books will be available for circulation immediately and that they will be using the Kishiwada North Rotary Club's catalogs to expand the reference materials at the Susupe library.

"It's quite fitting that we diversify our collections to meet the diverse community demographics that we have," Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune*.

While JKPL has received donations from various Rotary clubs throughout Japan, this is the first time that they collaborated with Kishiwada North Rotary Club, said Gonzales.

"I hope that this will be the start of a great partnership with them. We are thankful to the Saipan Rotary Club for bridging that partnership," he added.

As a token of appreciation, the JKPL management and the Library Council presented their benefactors with anniversary shirts in various colors.

On Parade of Books

During their visit, the Kishiwada North Rotarians witnessed for the second time the annual Parade of Books organized by the Saipan Rotary Club last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Nishide said they have a similar program in Japan, wherein children act out some of the famous fairy tale literature in the country.

He noted the "great significance" of the Parade of Books, which furthers the development of the next generation—a value shared by Kishiwada North Rotary Club.

"We find that it's very, very important to protect, support, and teach the youth," said Nishide.

Established about two decades ago, the Kishiwada North Rotary Club currently has 11 members. The group has maintained its ties with the Saipan Rotary Club for about five years now.

"We feel at home," replied Nishide when asked about being back on island.

The group left for Guam on Sunday before heading back to Japan. Nishide said they were scheduled to visit the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their vocational service activity.

Saipan Awaodori Festival kicks off tomorrow

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Japanese street dancing will take center stage on Saipan, with the non-profit group PDM Promoters, Inc. presenting the 6th Saipan Awaodori Festival tomorrow.

Representative Sonia Siwa said yesterday that 40 members of the Saipan Awaodori Team will put on their Japanese attire as they perform choreographed street dance accompanied by traditional music in various venues on island.

Siwa said the young dancers will be accompanied by 14 professional dancers and musicians who are members of three famous Awaodori performing groups from Koenji in Tokyo, Japan: the Tokyo Tensuiren, Aoshin-Ren, and Benkei-Ren.

She said the Tokyo Tensuiren considers the Saipan Awaodori Team as its branch in the CNMI.

This year's festival will be the second time that representatives from Aoshin-Ren and Benkei-Ren will arrive for the annual festival that highlights the Japanese dance culture.

With their rehearsals for several weeks now, the Awaodori performers are ready to kick off their dance presentations at 10am at William S. Reyes Elementary School in Chalan Kanoa.

Siwa explained that the Awaodori Festival customarily travels through schools where members of the Saipan Awaodori Team attend classes. Last year, the festival started at Koblerville Elementary School.

The performers will proceed to the outside lobby of DFS Galleria in Garapan at 11:15am, the Environmental Expo at the American Memorial Park at noon, Fiesta Resort & Spa at 6pm, and at Garapan Street Market at 7:45pm.

The Awaodori performance will culminate at the 32nd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival on Friday, April 19, at 6pm.

The 6th Saipan Awaodori Festival is sponsored by DFS Galleria, Docomo Pacific, Kinpachi Restaurant, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Siwa encouraged the community to stop by at any of the scheduled dances to support the Awaodori performers, particularly the Saipan Awaodori Team.

"They have been busy with their school activities but they tried to find time for Awaodori rehearsals to give the residents and tourists a great show for the 6th Saipan Awaodori Festival," she added.

Members of the Saipan Awaodori Team, along with other volunteers from PDM Promoters, Inc., also took part in the Garapan monthly cleanup last April 13. The group collected a total of 960 lbs of trash.

For more information, call 234-6900.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

In this file photo, members of the Saipan Awaodori Team are seen performing at the outside lobby of DFS Galleria for the 5th Saipan Awaodori Festival on April 19. Some 40 young dancers from the team will join visiting Awaodori dancers from Japan for tomorrow's 6th Saipan Awaodori Festival.

Canuto wanted for allegedly embezzling store's funds

Police are hunting down former Island Florals and Gift operations manager Felipe O. Canuto Jr. for allegedly embezzling funds from the company.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. said yesterday that they are seeking assistance from the community in locating the 52-year-old Canuto, a Filipino national.

Canuto

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued the arrest warrant against Canuto on April 11, 2013, for theft charges.

Island Florals and Gift owner Nancy Valdoz disclosed in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that for just one year alone (in 2011), they discovered that Canuto embezzled over $50,000 through unreported sales and undeposited collections.

Canuto has been the shop's operations manager since it opened in 2002.

Valdoz said an audit is ongoing.

Included in the ongoing investigation are Canuto's remittances and alleged unauthorized funds and personal loans.

Valdoz said she felt suspicious about the shop's allegedly low sales, among other things, prompting her to do a random check, during which she discovered several irregularities.

Valdoz reported the matter to the police last March 19, on the same day that she terminated Canuto's employment.

She said that Canuto showed up at the shop the following day to collect his personal belongings.

The shop owner believes that Canuto is still on Saipan.

Blas said that police detectives have failed to locate Canuto after visiting his last known address and other areas he frequents since last week, Thursday.

Blas reminded the public that anyone caught aiding and harboring a known fugitive will be charged and arrested for that crime.

"The general public is advised not to approach Canuto but to immediately report his whereabouts by calling DPS emergency line 911, CIB office at 664-9042 or call the NMI Crime Stoppers Tips Line at 234-7272," Blas said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Water outage Friday in Koblerville

Residents of Koblerville and Tottoville should prepare for an eight-hour water outage on Friday, April 19, 2013, from 8am to 5pm, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas, to remove five non-working fire hydrants along Tinaktak Drive. This project is part of the Koblerville Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The water outage will affect residents living in the Koblerville area.

CUC's operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

For inquiries, call project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 253-7025-30 Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

D'Elegance steps up to the plate for arts festival

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

D'Elegance representatives Irene Santiago, second right, and Emilyn Cabrera, center, hands the $1,800 check to the 32nd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival Committee members. The restaurant known for serving Filipino cuisine is sponsoring the annual community event for the first time this year.

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REPORTER

D'Elegance, a restaurant known for its Filipino cuisine, is one of the major sponsors of the 32nd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.

Restaurant representatives Irene Santiago and Emilyn Cabrera recently presented the $1,800 donation to festival organizers in a ceremony at their Garapan location.

The donation makes D'Elegence an "Isla" sponsor, a level of sponsorship conferred on companies or organizations that give monetary or in-kind support worth between $1,000 and $2,000.

While D'Elegance has been a long-time business partner of the Arts Council through the Flame Tree Arts Festival, this is the restaurant's first time to sponsor the event.

"Every year, D'Elegance sets up a booth at the event to offer festival goers their favorite Filipino dishes that they can enjoy while watching the performances or admiring different forms of art throughout the three-day festivities," said Santiago. "This 2013, we decided to become more involved in the Flame Tree Arts Festival event by coming in as a sponsor."

D'Elegance will be among a dozen food vendors that will offer food and refreshments to spectators at the event, which will be held from April 19 to 21 at the Civic Center Beach Park in Susupe.

"We're very happy to support the event that brings together artists and performers in the CNMI and other island nations within the Pacific.

"We join the festival committee in celebrating the arts and culture of the islands and it has been nice working with them," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

For his part, Arts Council executive director Angel S. Hocog said they are proud to welcome D'Elegance as their newest sponsor for one of the biggest community events in the CNMI.

"Their patronage demonstrates their level of commitment to the islands and we look forward to continuing this promising partnership in the years ahead," said Hocog.

He urged the community to join the 32nd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival celebration. For more information, visit the Arts Council on Capital Hill next to the post office or call 322-9982 or 83.

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NMC Charter Day on May 3; vendors invited

The Northern Marianas College is inviting vendors to take part in the college's annual Charter Day celebration on Friday, May 3, 2013.

Agencies, businesses, clubs, and other civic organizations are invited to participate in this year's celebration by purchasing booth space for the following categories: food/drink, specialty drinks (e.g., coffee coolers or pearl shakes), game booths, retail (arts, and crafts, toys, etc.), and information.

Booth applications forms must be submitted before April 30, 2013 by 4pm. Note, however, that booth space is limited so applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The booth fee is $150 with $25 of the fee refunded to the vendors upon clean up of booth space post-event and passage of inspection from Charter Day officials. For student clubs and nonprofit organizations, booth fees are $75 and also include a $25 refund upon booth space cleanup and passage of inspection.

Northern Marianas College students from the Carolinian Cultural Club take time to pose in their fundraising booth during last year's Charter Day festivities. This year's Charter Day will be on May 3, 2013.

Applications forms are available for download at www.nmcnet.edu, or can be picked up from the NMC Student Center in Building J.

For more information, contact Silvester Javier at 234-5498 Ext. 1251 or email queannas@nmcnet.edu. Additional information about NMC Charter Day is also available online at www.nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

Import changes to pesticide regulations

The Division of Environmental Quality has published the proposed Pesticide Management Regulations in the Commonwealth Registrar and the final date for comment submission is Friday, April 26, 2013.

"There are import changes to the pesticide regulations and we would like to receive feedback," said Reina Camacho, manager for the pesticide and storage tank branch at DEQ.

According to Camacho the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Import and its processing fee is not required if the pesticide is from USA or US territory. But the NOI is required if the pesticide is used to control pests on fruit and or vegetables or other agricultural products. The impacted industry is retailers, wholesalers, etc. The fee for this type of importation is $15 per product shipment.

NOIs is also required for pesticides used for crack, crevice and spot treatment, including termiticide and for pesticides used for fumigation, hospital grade disinfection and commercial purposes. The definition of "commercial purposes" applies to pest control establishments or green house or golf course or hotel/resort facility and is applying pesticides (general use or restricted use) at the facility. These establishments will continue to submit a Notice of Intent to Import form to DEQ. The fee for this type of importation is $15 per product shipment for general use pesticides and remains at $50 for restricted use pesticides.

"Importation of pesticide and pesticide devices are redefined and shall apply to any 1) any restricted use pesticide from any country into the CNMI; (2) any pesticide or pesticide device manufactured in or shipped by or through a foreign country," added Camacho.

NOIs are not required for establishments that may import Calcium Hypochlorite, Trichloro-S-Trianzinetrione, Sodium Bromide, Sodium Hypochlorite and related items; household disinfectants and anti-bacterial chemicals (such as Clorox bleach or 409 or Pine Sol, etc) or household insect, mosquito, ant, roach chemicals or baits (such as Black Flag or Raid, etc).

According to Camacho, the proposed regulation further defines and expands the prohibited acts in accordance with federal law, Federal Insecticide Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The proposed regulation shall reduce the fee associated with obtaining pesticide applicator certification and clarifies the permit requirements and conditions relating to use of pesticides, including storage and transportation.

DEQ is available for one-on-one meetings with various groups to elaborate on how the proposed regulations may impact the regulated industry or establishment.

The regulations are available online http://deq.gov.mp/artdoc/Sec7art221ID776.pdf.

Send your written comments on the proposed pesticide regulations via email storagetank-spesticides@deq.gov.mp or fax your comments to 66664-8540 no later than close of business day on Friday, April 26, 2013. You may also call Reina Camacho at 664-8512 for additional information. ***(DEQ)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman High PTSA meeting

Parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being encouraged to attend a PTSA meeting today, April 17, 2013, at the Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High School cafeteria, starting at 5:30pm.Please come and support! ***(PR)***

Labor conducting agricultural and livestock survey

The CNMI Department of Labor will be conducting an agricultural and livestock survey pursuant to a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas is requesting the cooperation and assistance of all farmers to please assist the department's staff in fulfilling this project. For additional information, call Bobbie T. Sablan, Administrative Services manager, at 664-3196. ***(PR)***

MHS PTA meeting on Thursday

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the Marianas High School PTA meeting on Thursday April 18, at 6pm in the Dolphin Theater. The agenda includes finalizing plans for PTA activities, graduation and other important matters affecting our school and our students. ***(PR)***

Kagman High Class of '04 reunion meeting

The Kagman High School Class of 2004 will have a class reunion meeting on May 7, Tuesday, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion, across JP Center Bldg., Garapan, at 6:30pm. All classmates are urged to be present and should also help pass the information to other classmates. For more information or inquiry, email ayuyu2004reunion@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on April 23

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(CCA)***

SVES registration schedule

San Vicente Elementary School registration for school year 2013-2014 is scheduled to begin on May 27-31, 2012 for Kinder only, from 9am- 11:30am in the school main office.

For all kinder, child must be 5 years on or before Aug. 31, 2008, as per BOE policy. Date of birth should be between Sept. 1, 2007, and Aug. 31, 2008. Registration requirements: copy of birth certificate, original health certificate (public or private clinic), medical or accident insurance, map of residential location, power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable), and copy of report card or certificate of completion (from any pre-school). For more information call 237-3791. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Apr. 17, 2004

'Let govt own ground water resources'

The CNMI Water Task Force is pushing for legislation that would entitle the government ownership of all ground water resources in the Commonwealth. Task force senior staff Felix Sablan said during a recent Senate hearing that this will allow the government to regulate the system-well drilling and operations. "We need to establish that [ownership] so that we can regulate. The Legislature needs to assist us in this requirement," said Sablan, who appeared in the hearing on behalf of Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, who is the task force chair.

$450,000 needed to solve Tanapag sewage overflow

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. needs some $450,000 to rehabilitate and upgrade a Tanapag sewer pump station that will be used as a backup to address the recurring sewage overflow from another pump station. CUC executive director Lorraine A. Babauta disclosed the cost estimate in a letter to House Vice Speaker Timothy Villagomez, who is a former executive director of the public utility firm. Babauta said the CUC's wastewater division has developed a proposal to relocate the T-1 pump station, where frequent sewage overflows occur. The existing location is near public facilities such as the Tanapag Social Hall, children's playground, and nearby beaches.

Apr. 17, 2005

CNMI govt open to Miller's call for probe

The CNMI Legislature and the Babauta administration expressed no concern over the reported call by U.S. congressman George Miller (D-CA) for a congressional investigation into former lobbyist Jack Abramoff's activities in the Northern Marianas Islands from 1994 to 2001. "Sure. That's part of the democratic process. We need to find out what's going on and if there's any law that's violated, that would be taken cared of for sure," said House leadership spokesman Charles Reyes in an interview Friday. Reyes said Abramoff's hiring by the CNMI government in the 1990's was necessary to protect the CNMI's interests.

Mendiola wants DPH to explain 'failed' RFP

A senator wants to call in Department of Public Health officials to shed light on the department's "aborted" Request for Proposal for an agency to facilitate the referral of CNMI patients in Manila about two years ago. Sen. Joseph M. Mendiola, chair of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs, said it was surprising to learn that DPH had actually put out an RFP but, unlike Guam, the plan did not materialize. "I didn't know that DPH had an RFP. We were not given that information. I'm very curious about all this. We need to call them in and hear from them," said Mendiola. The senator earlier expressed excitement over the possibility of the CNMI replicating Guam's medical referral program in Manila. He said that Guam refers patients to Manila with the help of a private company.

Apr. 17, 2006

Ogo: House version of salary cut bill should be shelved

Two visiting geologists from the U.S. Geological Survey disclosed that a 1956 geologic map indicated that an ancient tsunami could have probably struck Saipan. Geologists Bill Burton and David Weary, in an interview with the Saipan Tribune, pointed to the geological map showing the presence at a certain portion of the island of what they called "storm surge deposits." Burton and Weary explained that the idea was that large waves crashed over an area on the island and left typically broken pieces of coral reefs. "The reason why we're interested in this is because this may recording ancient tsunamis. So the question is are those records of ancient tsunamis just like what happened in the Indian Ocean?" Burton said.

Grey taps airport personnel to solve staff shortage, OT woes

New Division of Immigration director Melvin Grey has implemented a plan that reduces overtime and at the same time addresses his office's staff shortage. Under the plan, Grey simply tapped the services of Immigration personnel assigned at the Saipan International Airport whenever they are available to assist in the processing at the Immigration office in San Antonio. "This has served us several purposes. It help us with our shortage of staff and reduces overtime when we have people that help with our work here," he said. The director said the additional personnel would release the stress because of the heavy workload on other employees.

Man gets year in prison for disturbing peace of 4 minors

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Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja yesterday imposed a 12-month prison term without parole on a 52-year-old man who was found guilty of disturbing the peace of five girls, including his daughter.

Alejandre Manzo will start serving his sentence on Friday, April 19, at 6pm. He will be released on April 19, 2014, and placed on probation for three years.

He was also required to pay a $300 probation fee, $200 fine, and $100 court assessment fee.

Manzo was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and write letters of apology to the victims and their families.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown had recommended the maximum six months imprisonment for each count or a total of 30 months based on aggravating circumstances.

Brown noted Manzo's method of luring the minors to his house to sleep over, the age of the minors, and their vulnerability.

Chief public defender Douglas W. Hartig, counsel for Manzo, recommended a one-month sentence, noting that the touching was outside of the minors' clothing and that Manzo did not use any force or express threat of force during the incidents.

Hartig pointed out that Manzo has never been previously charged with a crime involving sexual abuse.

A jury had found Manzo not guilty of four counts of child abuse in the second degree. The court, however, found the defendant guilty of four counts of disturbing the peace.

In March, Manzo pleaded guilty to a count of disturbing the peace in a separate criminal case. In return, the government agreed to dismiss the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (domestic violence).

In his sentencing order yesterday, Naraja said that Manzo was found guilty of disturbing the peace of four young girls between the ages of 11 and 13 based on inappropriate sexual contact.

In the second case, Manzo admitted to disturbing the peace of his daughter when he threatened to break her laptop computer with a hammer.

Naraja said that, at the initial sentencing hearing on March 21, 2013, two of the five victims testified that they were scared when Manzo touched, or attempted to touch, their private parts and that they are still angry at him.

Manzo presented no witnesses at the hearing but submitted a sentencing brief containing 30 signed letters from members of the community, who wrote on his behalf.

His daughter, who was one of the victims, wrote a letter pleading with the court to show her father some leniency.

At the sentencing yesterday, Naraja expressed concern about Manzo's character and the nature of the crimes.

In the first case, Naraja said that Manzo used his daughter to entice her friends to sleep over at their house. Once the minors fell asleep, Manzo touched them, causing each to wake up in fright.

Naraja said that after the victims reported the "touching" incidents to police, Manzo attempted to cover up by threatening one of the victims and approaching one of the victims' mothers.

In the second case, Naraja said that Manzo exhibited unwarranted aggression. Manzo allegedly threatened to break his daughter's laptop with a hammer because she was up late using the computer.

The judge said this event alone is a relatively mild offense, but it represents a trend in Manzo's behavior.

Naraja also noted that in October 2005, Manzo was arrested for allegedly threatening with two knives his previous girlfriend, who is the mother of his children.

On the letters submitted in court, Naraja said the positive comments Manzo received shows that he is at least a decent person in public but they shed very little light on his character and behavior when he is alone with his daughters and his daughters' friends.

As for the brief letter of forgiveness signed by two of the victims, Naraja said the credibility of the letter is in question, and that the absence of any supplemental evidence of the victims' forgiveness for defendant is telling.

PETTING ZOO

Children search for guinea pigs inside the cage at the 27th Annual Walkathon on Saturday morning. Participants of all ages and other backgrounds enjoyed the great weather as they walked along the stretch of Beach Road starting from the 4-H Building in Susupe

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday shoutout to Tori M. Weaver! Wishing you all the best and happiness in life. God bless and we love you! Greetings coming out from Mommy, Daddy, Justis, Jojo, Pedro, Garret, and the *familia*.

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PARADE OF BOOKS

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Oleai Elementary School students celebrate after being named the first place winner in the 2013 Parade of Books of the Rotary Club of Saipan on Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The school's delegation was also the Best in School Spirit awardee.

MOTHEREAD GRADUATES

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Congratulations to the Motheread/Fatheread participants who completed the program on April 15, 2013, at the Dandan Headstart Center. Participants were Koni Nakazato, Leona Nakazato, Norma Quichocho, Ruth Sablan, and Wendie Escota. They are joined here by their instructor, Lilia King, and program coordinator Viola Deleon Guerrero.

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RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS

A total of 28 cadets from the Manta Ray Battalion volunteered for the American Red Cross on its 27th Annual Walkathon held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the 4-H Building in Susupe from 5am to 11am. The cadets helped with controlling traffic, parking details, and did police call around the area.

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VILLAGE FIESTA

Residents of San Vicente recently celebrated the feast day of their patron saint, San Vicente Ferrer. They are shown here posing for a souvenir picture in front of the banner leading to their village.

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Too many children being diagnosed as 'hyper'

As much as teaching has changed over the past 50 years, its basics, as typically applied in American elementary school classrooms, are essentially the same as they were in 1963.

Two dozen boys and girls, give or take a few, sit in arranged rows or a circle of chairs with desks and interact with a teacher presenting lessons involving reading or math.

The routine is repeated class after class, hour after hour.

That could get boring 50 years ago, leading students to nod off, gaze out the window, pass notes, or trade punches when the teacher looked the other way.

Imagine how much more boring it must be for today's children, who the night before, if not that morning, were likely engaged in all manner of electronically stimulating activity—from watching TV, to downloading I-pad games, to trying to beat their PlayStation at tennis.

Is it any wonder that many children who come to school with their minds so stimulated find it hard to concentrate on the monotonous spiel of an adult equipped with few props beyond a chalkboard to draw their interest?

Some children, boys in particular, find it hard to sit quietly under such circumstances, hard not to be rambunctious when they don't get a recess to help burn off some energy.

Sometimes children, again, boys in particular, act up so often a teacher insists their behavior is abnormal and recommends medical intervention. Some children, maybe too many, are subsequently diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

More than one in 10 American schoolchildren, 6.4 million between ages 4 and 17, have been diagnosed with ADHD, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Two-thirds of these children have been prescribed drugs like Adderall and Ritalin to calm them down by improving their concentration.

It's not known whether a recently reported 41 percent increase in ADHD diagnoses since 2003 is due to more parents and teachers recognizing a child has a problem that requires medical treatment or because parents, teachers, and physicians, too often apply the ADHD label to a child who is overly active for reasons that don't require a prescription.

There's no blood test for ADHD, so that diagnosis is typically based on observation alone.

With so many children on ADHD drugs—including one in 10 high school boys—easy access has led to the drugs' abuse. Teens sell Adderall to other teens to get high. Younger children, whose schools in most cases don't give them recess to let off steam, are instead doped up.

It is becoming increasingly clear that many diagnoses of hyperactivity in children are being made too quickly, and that when ADHD is diagnosed, more care must be taken in prescribing and monitoring the use of drugs.

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Inching closer to entanglement in Syria

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The White House finally made it official last week: Yes, the civil war in Syria is a slippery slope, and yes, we're on it.

Nobody in the Obama administration actually used those words, of course. But if you paid attention to what officials said, it was clear that President Obama has reluctantly decided to take another tentative step into the ugly Syrian war, mostly because all the alternatives look worse.

"We have continued to ratchet up," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters Thursday, confirming reports of a coming increase in U.S. aid to the rebels fighting the repressive regime of Bashar Assad.

What that means is that Obama has decided to approve new "nonlethal" supplies for rebel groups favored by the United States, reportedly including military-use items such as body armor and night-vision goggles for the first time. Until now, aid has been mostly restricted to food, medicine and communications equipment.

What the rebels want, though, are weapons, especially missiles that could stop Assad's tanks or bring down the aircraft that have been bombing Syria's cities.

It's by no means clear that the nonlethal aid will be enough to produce the outcome the president wants: the resignation of Assad and a negotiated transition to democracy. Obama declared himself in favor of Assad's fall in 2011 after a popular uprising shook the Syrian regime, but he's been slow to back up those words, even after Assad unleashed military strikes that have killed more than 30,000 civilians in a war that has claimed an estimated 70,000 lives overall.

Of course, the president has his reasons for moving slowly; he desperately wants to avoid getting entangled in another war in the Middle East. But is that possible on a slope this slippery?

It's getting harder. In recent months the stakes in Syria have evolved from mostly humanitarian (to which Obama responded with humanitarian aid) to mostly strategic.

Even if Assad were to step down, the United States would have to remain involved in Syria. There's the issue of what happens to Assad's chemical weapons. There's the prospect that Syria could turn into a haven for terrorists allied with al-Qaida. And there's the growing reality that Syria's war is causing real problems for its neighbors, including three major U.S. allies: Turkey, Israel and Jordan.

But Assad doesn't appear likely to step down. Meanwhile, the United States has an interest in the balance of power among the opposition groups fighting to overthrow him. "There is a competition now in Syria between moderate forces … (and) the al-Qaida types," Robert Ford, Obama's point man on Syria, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week. "It is very important that we weigh in" to affect that internal balance of power.

In that case, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) demanded, why shouldn't the United States send weapons to relatively moderate rebel groups or impose a no-fly zone to protect civilians from Assad's air force?

Ford simply ducked the question.

"The administration's policy, senator, has consistently been that only a negotiated settlement will provide a durable and sustainable end to the Syrian crisis," he said.

It's easy to see why Obama wants to avoid owning the problem of Syria. The country's prospects look bleak. If Assad fell tomorrow, the director of national intelligence testified last week, Syria would still be in for a year or more of sectarian warfare.

But even if the United States limits its role in the conflict, it will still end up dealing with the consequences, notes Frederic C. Hof, the State Department's top negotiator on Syria until last year.

"Yes, it's a slippery slope," he said. "The question is whether we can build ourselves some handholds."

Since World War II, the United States has intervened in dozens of slippery-slope conflicts without putting American ground forces into combat.

President Clinton used air power in Bosnia and Kosovo to defeat Serbian forces, without ground troops. U.S. forces went in on the ground later, but only as peacekeepers after the wars were over. Under Obama, the U.S. Navy and Air Force joined the war in Libya, but no U.S. troops entered the country on the ground.

In Syria, the Obama administration is already doing more for the rebels than it acknowledges in public. The United States has quietly provided training for selected rebel units on bases in neighboring Jordan. And last month, the New York Times reported that the CIA had expanded its secret role in aiding weapons shipments to the rebels from countries such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

At this point, Obama seems determined to supply just enough aid to try to tip the balance but not enough to get entangled.

But the administration's distinction between lethal and nonlethal aid looks more and more artificial. The reasons that would justify giving military aid to the rebels or imposing a no-fly zone over Syria are only growing stronger.

It's a debate Obama might prefer to avoid, but that's the problem with a slippery slope.

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Mini Budget Summitry

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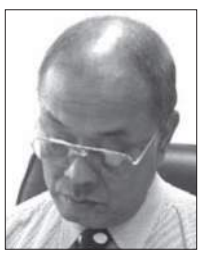

Revenue generation has gone south while expenses shoot like meteorites into the heavens. The administration wants some time to prepare next fiscal year's budget, projecting a $6-million increase.

Seems like Christmas, though someone has opened all the presents before we headed downstairs to see what's in our teeny packages.

The once robust fiscal posture of the islands is history. There used to be a fat frog nearby, gobbling up all debts and deficit spending. But he has gotten lazy and now strains swallowing a mosquito.

And so, like a once wealthy family that has lost it all, we've begun boiling three grains of rice, guarding each other with baseball bats from accidentally swallowing any of them. The exhausting noisy slurp of Pacific Soup goes on through the night in what's now known as "mini budget summitry."

With a projected budget of a meager $120 million, there really isn't any room for misplacement of priority or wasteful spending. It turns a clear night in these pearly isles used to seeing a symphony of stars twinkling in the blue a bit too blurry.

What spurred the blossoming parade of mini budget summitry? There's far less for far more! Take away 80 percent of the $120 million for salaries and you're stuck with a measly sum for other essential or critical needs. The Fund needs annual plugging of some $65 million. It seems even money for this purpose has taken a long fishing trip deep south.

Troubling the monstrosity created by a cataclysmic economy. The combined miscalculated federal and local policies have finally taken their toll. Would we engage in insanity, juggling the same figures hoping for different results? It's the nearest pit stop, right?

Matching funds for Medicaid and paying for pension checks provide perfect recipes to further bankrupt an already bankrupt local government. How much do we owe the Fund? Is it around $375 million? What's the total NMI debt today other than the continuing deficit spending?

Doesn't PSS need some $40 million? Isn't the need basically the same for CHC? How do we navigate the needs of the Fund, PSS, and CHC if we don't impose major cuts in government spending? How would private industries mitigate new federal minimum wage imposition, more local taxes, and horrendously prohibitive utility costs?

What's the NMI's decision on Obamacare? Wouldn't accepting it equally means we pay for any and all additional costs? Any idea what's the additional fiscal burden? Isn't it true that in recent past we've failed to pay our share of matching funds? Didn't this trigger refusal by clinics and pharmacies to help Medicaid patients? This requires serious review before taking another blind leap of faith.

The dire fiscal straits of the NMI are mind numbing, with pension and Medicaid being the two most expensive items on fiscal obligations. It requires problem solving beyond hollow and shallow babbling in the newspapers. You said you could do it. Show me that you can in fact navigate the treacherous sea of fiscal degeneration while needs explode and not simply engage in rearranging the chairs on a ship that has gone belly up. The fiscal colossus requires that all men come to the aid of the NMI. And you are included, too!

Expectations v. answers

For all the mess piled upon these tiny isles by failed leadership in recent past, I could hear simple villagers pine for better and brighter tomorrows with high expectations that things would begin to move forward in decisive fashion. Well, the enthusiastic expectation is there but folks tasked to meet it are collecting their marbles to figure out what's in the circle of serious issues.

Against a huge debt and concurrent loss in revenue generation, the task requires some appreciable measure of patience from governance in order to grant those at the helm the opportunity to recalibrate paradigms. In short, the contraction of private industry is one humongous task to revive. The tendency to infuse quick fixes via ad hoc planning would only stir filth from the bottom of the well. Patience! Don't drink your own self-stirred filth!

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Idiotcare celebration

"*If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until you see what it costs when it's free!*"—P.J. O'Rourke, *The Liberty Manifesto* (1993).

The antecedent of universal health coverage is a grand idea if the entire global village were situated in fantasyland where, after the final page is turned, all live happily ever after. But we don't live in fantasy. We stand on the ground where we find the consequence of such policy more problematic as to encourage my dubbing Obamacare Idiotcare. Absolute equality is impossible and every attempt seems riddled with piles of wishful thinking. But you take a glimpse at countries that use universal coverage who share a common denominator: Each is bankrupt and completely incapable of supporting their half-cocked health program.

It's good being mindful of the economically disadvantaged, but would bankrolling by productive citizens the ultimate answer? It seems the notion behind such an agenda is founded on "sameness," a completely misguided notion that rewards failure and punishes the successful. If my buddy is a successful neo-natal cardio surgeon raking in an annual income in six figures, am I supposed to be making the same income as a high school dropout?

With $17 trillion in national debt while still marching toward disaster cliff oblivious to the future of posterity, I often quiz if Obama's agenda is one of fostering socialistic redistributionist policy, oblivious to placing the future of our children in his fantasy Debt Land? This agenda must be stopped at all cost even if it means Obama's impeachment!

Who should own DNA? All of us

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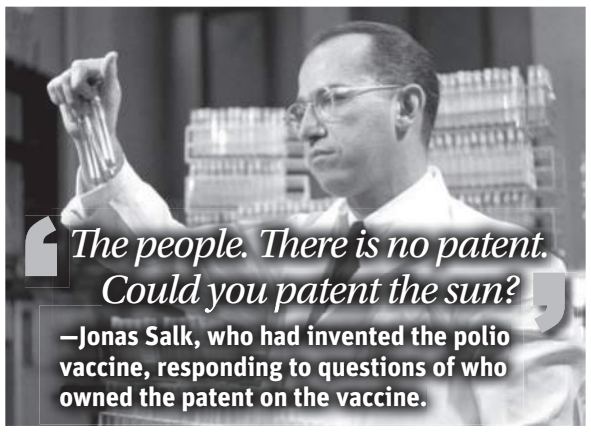
Most court cases involving patent law are corporate battles, with one company suing another for infringing on its intellectual property rights and, therefore, profits. Big companies fighting over big money can seem painfully irrelevant, especially when so many of us are simply struggling to get by.

But the case coming before the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday challenging two patents is a different animal, with enormous implications for both our health and shared humanity. The patents in question are on two human genes, BRCA1 and BRCA2, commonly referred to as the "breast cancer genes."


"The people. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"
—Jonas Salk, who had invented the polio vaccine, responding to questions of who owned the patent on the vaccine.

We all have these genes in the cells of our bodies, but certain variants in some people significantly increase the risk of breast and ovarian cancer. Learning whether you have these risk-elevating mutations can be important because it gives you the opportunity to consider increased surveillance (such as cancer screenings and mammography) and even surgery to remove healthy organs.

The patents give one biotechnology company, Myriad Genetics Inc., sweeping control of the two genes. Myriad's monopoly harms women's health, impedes cancer research and raises important ethical questions about control over the human genome.

Myriad's patents cover both the normal versions of the genes and all mutations and rearrangements within them. This monopoly has prevented other scientists and doctors from using the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes in research, medicine, diagnosis and treatment.

With revenue from the patents approaching half a billion dollars a year, Myriad frequently restricts access to these genes. It sends cease-and-desist notices to prevent other researchers from working with them.

Myriad's strict patent enforcement means its test is the only available one to determine whether a woman has a genetic variant that increases her risk of cancer. Women cannot get a second opinion about the results, even when faced with a decision about removing healthy organs to reduce their cancer risk. And too many women cannot even have the test because it is too expensive.

Furthermore, since Myriad's test focuses on the variants that have already been identified, some women, especially women of color, are more likely to get ambiguous results. They are told they have a genetic variant but that Myriad doesn't know whether it increases their risk of cancer.

The lawsuit before the Supreme Court next week has united women's health organizations, research groups, genetic counselors and breast cancer patients. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Public Patent Foundation, the lead plaintiffs, make a straightforward argument (full disclosure: Breast Cancer Action is also a plaintiff; Center for Genetics and Society has signed several briefs): U.S. case law and patent statute plainly say that patents can be awarded only for human inventions.

Genes are not inventions but products of nature. You can't patent the sun; you can't patent a new species of insect you find in a forest; you can't patent the speed of light. And you cannot patent human genes.

Beyond U.S. patent law lie broader questions: Should we treat human genes as private property to be exploited for profit rather than shared resources managed in the public interest? Should we allow corporate ownership to penetrate deeply into areas previously considered outside the commercial realm?

Several international organizations have taken up these questions, declaring the human genome part of the "commons"—akin to the moon and the air we breathe. The Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, ratified by the U.N. General Assembly in 1998, states that the human genome "is the heritage of humanity" and "in its natural state shall not give rise to financial gains." In 1999, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe declared that "neither plant-, animal- nor human-derived genes, cells, tissue or organs can be considered as inventions, nor be subject to monopolies granted by patents."

The World Medical Association, an umbrella for 84 national medical associations, states that "human genes must be seen as mankind's common heritage."

Despite these strong declarations and the robust legal precedent for limiting patent protection to inventions, much of the human genome has been patented in a rush to profit from the incredible amount of information our genetic makeup holds, often to the detriment of our health. We believe there has been a misapplication of patent law, as acknowledged by the U.S. solicitor general's amicus brief on our behalf.

It was not always this way, and it need not stay this way. In 1955, Jonas Salk, who had invented the polio vaccine, was asked who owned the patent on the vaccine. "The people," he replied. "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

A ruling in favor of the plaintiffs in this landmark case could effectively outlaw human gene patents. It would be a victory for all who put the public's health and interests above efforts to privatize what all of us should share. And it would restore our genomic heritage, the very DNA in our bodies, to the rightful owners—the people.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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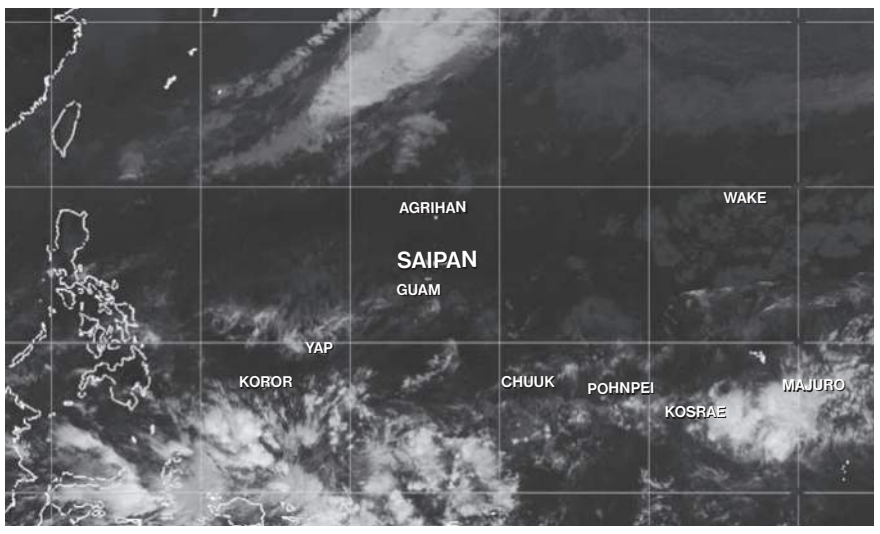
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲70	▼66
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼45
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲77	▼73
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼71
London	Showers	▲61	▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼51
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼82
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼47
Miami	Sunny	▲85	▼73
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼54
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼58
Pusan	Showers	▲59	▼50
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼55
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼37
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼49
Tokyo	Windy	▲75	▼58
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼62

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front northeast of Wake Island curves westward from 24N180 to 22N172E to 25N166E. Scattered showers are found along and up to 150 miles north of this boundary. A weak cold front extends southwestward from 25N156E to end northwest of the Marianas near 21N140E. Isolated thunderstorms are located along and up to 60 miles northwest of this boundary northeast of 22N147E. This area includes Minami Torishima. A near-equatorial trough runs southeastward from 2N130E through a circulation centered southwest of Koror near 3N132E then turns southeastward to end at EQ147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found primarily north of the trough and circulation within 90 miles of a line from 8N133E to 4N151E. This area includes Koror but is southwest of Chuuk. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with a weak trade-wind disturbance are occurring over Kosrae but south of Pohnpei between 7N and 2N from 154E to 164E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Majuro and to the east of the Marshall Islands within 160 miles of a line from 7N170 to 4N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
12:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:01 AM	
Thursday	11:50 AM	12:06 AM
Friday	12:40 PM	12:32 AM
Saturday	1:30 PM	1:32 AM
Sunday	2:21 PM	2:13 AM

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UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:45am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:05am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	7 via ICN
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UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

Senators plan to unveil immigration bill this week

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bipartisan Senate immigration bill would put the 11 million immigrants in the country illegally on a 13-year path to U.S. citizenship that would cost $2,000 in fines plus additional fees, and would begin only once steps have been taken to secure the border, according to an outline of the measure released Monday.

The sweeping legislation also would remake the nation's inefficient legal immigration system, creating new immigration opportunities for tens of thousands of high- and low-skilled workers, as well as a new "merit visa" aimed at people with talents to bring to the U.S. as well as employment or family ties. Senators planned to formally introduce the bill on Tuesday, but after the tragedy at the Boston Marathon a planned press event was delayed until later in the week.

AP

In this photo provided by CBS News, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., appear on Sunday, April 7, 2013, on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Employers would face tough new requirements to check the legal status of all workers. The bill would institute a fundamental shift in an immigration system long focused on family ties, placing more importance on prospective immigrants' skills and employment potential.

Billions of dollars would be poured into border security, and millions of people who've been waiting overseas for years, sometimes decades, in legal immigration backlogs would see their cases speeded up.

Overall, the changes represent the most dramatic overhaul to U.S. immigration law in more than a quarter-century, and also would usher in major shifts to the U.S. employment landscape.

"I've always said that Americans will be commonsense, practical and balanced toward legal immigration and the 11 million who are here, provided that they are convinced that there won't be future flows of illegal immigration, and that has been the philosophy I think that's guided our group," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "We've put together a proposal that pretty much does that."

Schumer and another leader of the group, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., were to meet with President Barack Obama Tuesday to brief him on the legislation, a top second-term priority for the president.

The bill is the result of months of secretive negotiations among eight lawmakers, equally divided between the two parties. In addition to Schumer and McCain, they are Democrats Dick Durbin of Illinois, Robert Menendez of New Jersey and Michael Bennet of Colorado, working with Republicans Marco Rubio of Florida, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

SKorea plans $15B extra budget to boost economy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The South Korean government proposed a $15.3 billion stimulus Tuesday to boost slowing growth in Asia's fourth-largest economy.

The stimulus would be South Korea's third-largest supplemental budget ever, exceeded only by those approved after the 1998 Asian financial crisis and the 2008 global financial turmoil.

The Ministry of Strategy and Finance said the budget will be used to cover a tax revenue shortfall, aid small and medium firms, create jobs and boost the stagnant real estate market. The statement said the ministry will submit the 17.3 trillion won ($15.3 billion) plan to parliament on Thursday.

It estimated a tax revenue shortfall of 6 trillion won due to the slower-than-expected economic recovery and another 6 trillion won shortfall from delays in selling stakes in state-owned banks. The remaining 5.3 trillion won will be a net increase in the government's budget.

In addition to the extra budget requiring parliamentary approval, the ministry will also use 2 trillion won in state funds that do not need to go through the assembly to stimulate the economy.

The stimulus plan comes after the ministry last month cut its forecast for South Korea's economic growth this year.

It said South Korea's economy will expand 2.3 percent this year, instead of the 3 percent it had predicted three months earlier. The ministry blamed the yen's slide that is hurting South Korean exporters, weak consumer sentiment and sluggish capital investment.

The stimulus move underlines how the government is seeking a quick fix to the slowdown. South Korea's economy expanded 2 percent in 2012, the slowest rate in three years, as weak global recovery and trade.

The extra budget will add 0.3 percentage point to growth this year and add 40,000 new jobs, it said.

Despite the government's calls for all-out efforts to boost the economy, South Korea's central bank has resisted lowering interest rates.

Last week, Bank of Korea kept its key interest rate unchanged at 2.75 percent for a sixth month. Gov. Kim Choong-soo said the economy is on track for a slow recovery and monetary policy is "accommodative" enough to encourage borrowing and spending.

United on track to save 85M gallons of fuel in 2013

CHICAGO—United Airlines is honoring Earth Month by announcing its new goal to save 85 million gallons of fuel in 2013, equivalent to 828,750 metric tons of CO2 or roughly $275 million dollars at current fuel prices. Fuel is the airline's single largest expense and its primary focus environmentally, and the company has several initiatives in place that will allow it to achieve its fuel efficiency goal.

"We are committed to reducing our fuel consumption and our environmental footprint," said United's chairman, president, and chief executive officer Jeff Smisek. "I am proud of the actions we take every day throughout the year that help shape a more sustainable future for our customers, our co-workers and the communities we serve."

United has already improved its fuel efficiency by 32 percent since 1994 through programs such as improved flight planning, single engine taxiing, lighter products onboard, and use of ground power instead of the onboard auxiliary power unit to save fuel and reduce carbon emissions while aircraft are parked.

The airline is also investing in a modern, fuel-efficient fleet to replace less fuel-efficient aircraft. In 2012, United ordered 150 brand-new Boeing 737 narrowbody aircraft powered by fuel-efficient CFM engines. In addition to purchasing new aircraft, United is also improving the performance of its current fleet. The airline was the launch customer for the new Split Scimitar winglet, which is an advanced and improved winglet for the 737 Next-Gen aircraft and helps the aircraft consume up to 25 percent less fuel per seat than the 737-500 aircraft the company is retiring. United already has other winglets installed on more than 300 of its aircraft, including its entire Boeing 737 fleet and many of its 757 and 767 aircraft. Winglets reduce drag on the aircraft, ultimately reducing fuel burn and carbon emissions by up to five percent.

United's fuel savings initiatives are part of the company's larger commitment to environmental sustainability under its Eco-Skies program.

Eco-Skies

United has a genuine commitment to responsible actions that reduce its impact on the environment through its Eco-Skies program. Eco-Skies is designed to make a positive impact on the environment – in the air, on the ground, at United's facilities, with its business partners and across communities the airline serves.

Highlights of United's Eco-Skies program include:

■ United operated the first U.S. passenger biofuel flight powered with a mixture of renewable algae-derived jet fuel and conventional jet fuel, and signed letters of intent to negotiate the purchase of more than 50 million gallons of sustainable biofuels.

■ United launched the Eco-Grants initiative which provides $50,000 cash grants to 10 local environmental organizations that the airline's employees volunteer with in their communities, with volunteer projects starting this month and taking place throughout the country.

■ United spearheaded the Midwest Aviation Sustainable Biofuels Initiative (MASBI), in partnership with Boeing, Honeywell's UOP, the Chicago Department of Aviation and the Clean Energy Trust, to advance commercialization of cost-competitive aviation biofuels.

■ More than 24% percent of United's ground equipment fleet is electric or alternatively fueled.

■ During the last six years, United recycled more than 20 million pounds of cans, paper and plastic items from waste generated inflight and at its facilities resulting in a net reduction of 28,700 metric tons of carbon emissions—or an equivalent of removing over 5,000 cars from the road over that same time period.

■ Eco-Teams, comprised of cross-divisional representatives, are at every hub and major facility.

■ United's enhanced carbon offset program allows its customers to calculate and offset the carbon footprint associated with their air travel and cargo shipments.

For more information on United's environmental commitment, visit www.united.com/ecoskies. ***(United)***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil drops to 4-month low as China growth slows

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of oil sank nearly 3 percent as a slowdown in China's growth added to doubts about the strength of the world economy and global demand for crude. It fell further after the close of trading when a bombing at the finish line of the Boston Marathon killed two people. The Chinese government on Monday said growth in the world's second-largest economy slowed to 7.7 percent in the first quarter from 7.9 percent in the final quarter of last year. Growth was expected to accelerate slightly after several quarters of decline. That slowdown, combined with weak economic reports from the U.S. and Europe's malaise, suggests that demand for crude and refined fuels won't be strong enough to absorb the ample supplies on the world market.

Dish Network offering to buy Sprint in $25.5B deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Dish Network Corp. is trying to snag U.S. wireless carrier Sprint Nextel away from a Japanese suitor, the latest sign that satellite dishes are losing their relevance in the age of cellphones that play everything from YouTube videos to live TV. Dish offered $25.5 billion in cash and stock on Monday for Sprint, which Dish says beats an offer from Japan's Softbank Corp. If the Dish deal goes through, it would create a unique combination of pay-TV and wireless operator. Dish's hope is that it would lure customers with the promise of a TV service that they can take with them out of the house, on their phones. It has already broken ranks with the pay-TV industry by providing a set-top box that can send recorded shows to iPads.

Nation

Boston Marathon bombing kills 3, injures over 140

Medical workers aid injured people at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon following an explosion in Boston, Monday, April 15, 2013. (AP

By JIMMY GOLEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP)—Two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday, killing at least three people and injuring more than 140 in a bloody scene of shattered glass and severed limbs that raised alarms that terrorists might have struck again in the U.S.

A White House official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still unfolding said the attack was being treated as an act of terrorism.

President Barack Obama vowed that those responsible will "feel the full weight of justice."

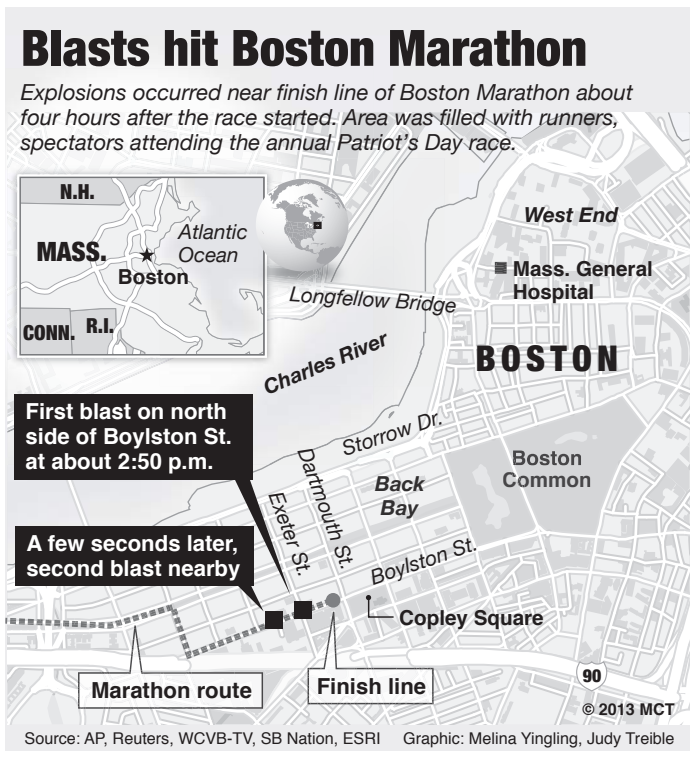
As many as two unexploded bombs were also found near the end of the 26.2-mile course as part of what appeared to be a well-coordinated attack, but they were safely disarmed, according to a senior U.S. intelligence official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation.

The fiery twin blasts took place about 10 seconds and about 100 yards apart, knocking spectators and at least one runner off their feet, shattering windows and sending dense plumes of smoke rising over the street and through the fluttering national flags lining the route. Blood stained the pavement, and huge shards were missing from window panes as high as three stories.

"They just started bringing people in with no limbs," said runner Tim Davey of Richmond, Va. He said he and his wife, Lisa, tried to shield their children's eyes from the gruesome scene inside a medical tent that had been set up to care for fatigued runners, but "they saw a lot."

"They just kept filling up with more and more casualties," Lisa Davey said. "Most everybody was conscious. They were very dazed."

As the FBI took charge of the investigation, authorities shed no light on a motive or who may have carried out the bombings, and police said they had no suspects in custody. Officials in Washington said there was no immediate claim of responsibility.



WBZ-TV reported late Monday that law enforcement officers were searching an apartment in the Boston suburb of Revere. Massachusetts State Police confirmed that a search warrant related to the investigation into the explosions was served Monday night in Revere but provided no further details.

Police said three people were killed. An 8-year-old boy was among the dead, according to a person who talked to a friend of the family and spoke on condition of anonymity. The person said the boy's mother and sister were also injured as they waited for his father to finish the race.

Hospitals reported at least 144 people injured, at least 17 of them critically. The victims' injuries included broken bones, shrapnel wounds and ruptured eardrums.

At Massachusetts General Hospital, Alasdair Conn, chief of emergency services, said: "This is something I've never seen in my 25 years here ... this amount of carnage in the civilian population. This is what we expect from war."

Some 23,000 runners took part in the race, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious marathons.

One of Boston's biggest annual events, the race winds up near Copley Square, not far from the landmark Prudential Center and the Boston Public Library. It is held on Patriots Day, which commemorates the first battles of the American Revolution, at Concord and Lexington in 1775.

Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis asked people to stay indoors or go back to their hotel rooms and avoid crowds as bomb squads methodically checked parcels and bags left along the race route. He said investigators didn't know whether the bombs were hidden in mailboxes or trash cans.

He said authorities had received "no specific intelligence that anything was going to happen" at the race.

The Federal Aviation Administration barred low-flying aircraft within 3.5 miles of the site.

"We still don't know who did this or why," Obama said at the White House, adding, "Make no mistake: We will get to the bottom of this."

With scant official information to guide them, members of Congress said there was little or no doubt it was an act of terrorism.

"We just don't know whether it's foreign or domestic," said Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

A few miles away from the finish line and around the same time, a fire broke out at the John F. Kennedy Library. The police commissioner said that it may have been caused by an incendiary device but that it was not clear whether it was related to the bombings.

The first explosion occurred on the north side of Boylston Street, just before the finish line, and some people initially thought it was a celebratory cannon blast.

Obama: Boston culprits to feel 'weight of justice'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A stony-faced President Barack Obama declared that those responsible for the explosions at the Boston Marathon "will feel the full weight of justice," but he urged a nervous nation not to jump to conclusions. Top lawmakers declared the deadly incident an act of terrorism, and a White House official said it was being treated that way.

Obama, speaking from the White House late Monday, pointedly avoided using the words "terror" or "terrorism," saying officials "still do not know who did this or why." However, a White House official later said the incident at the famous race was being treated as terrorism.

"We will find out who did this. We'll find out why they did this," Obama said in his brief statement. "Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

Authorities say at least three people were killed and more than 140 injured during two explosions near the finish of the marathon. A senior U.S. intelligence official said two other explosive devices were found near the end of the 26.2-mile course.

The president said the government would increase security around the United States "as necessary," but he did not say whether his administration thought the incident was part of a larger plot.

Following a briefing with intelligence officials, Maryland Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said most urban areas in the country would be under high alert.

"We want to make sure this is not a pattern," Ruppersberger said, adding that people could expect to see greater security at public areas such as train stations, ports and baseball games.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told reporters that she had been in contact with U.S. intelligence agencies and it was her understanding "that it's a terrorist incident." Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the officials reported no advance warning that "there was an attack on the way."

California Republican Rep. Ed Royce, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said it was a "terrorist attack" and "yet another stark reminder that we must remain vigilant in the face of continuing terrorist threats."

The White House said Obama refrained from publicly calling the attacks terrorism because it was early in the investigation and the perpetrators were unknown. But the official said any time there is an event with multiple explosions going off at the same time and aimed at hurting people, the administration considers that terrorism.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still under way and the official was not authorized to be quoted by name.

The president was briefed on the incident Monday by several senior administration officials, including FBI Director Robert Mueller and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. He also spoke with Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Tom Menino and pledged to provide whatever federal support was needed.

Additionally, the president spoke with Republican and Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill, saying that "on days like this, there are no Republicans or Democrats, we are Americans united in our concern for our fellow citizens."

The Secret Service quickly expanded its security perimeter at the White House. The agency shut down Pennsylvania Avenue and cordoned off the area with yellow police tape. Several Secret Service patrol cars blocked off the entry points to the road.

The White House was not on lockdown, and tourists and other onlookers were still able to be in the park across the street from the executive mansion.

The Federal Aviation Administration created a no-fly zone over the site of the two explosions and briefly ordered flights bound for Boston's Logan International Airport held on the ground at airports around the country.

Security for outbound international flights has been increased, federal law enforcement officials said. Numerous runners were expected to leave Boston after the race, and the additional security was added as a precaution, the officials said. Those officials requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

As authorities grappled to fill in the pieces of what happened, Obama said Boston and its "tough and resilient" residents would "pull together, take care of each other and move forward as one proud city."

In Washington Monday night, the American flag over the Capitol was flying at half-staff.

Asia

Boat filled with protected species hits PH coral reef

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Chinese boat that ran into a coral reef in the southwestern Philippines held evidence of even more environmental destruction inside: more than 10,000 kilograms (22,000 pounds) of meat from a protected species, the pangolin or scaly anteater.

The steel-hulled vessel hit an atoll on April 8 at the Tubbataha National Marine Park, a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site on Palawan island. Coast guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Armand Balilo said Monday that 400 boxes, each containing 25 to 30 kilograms of frozen pangolins, were discovered during a second inspection of the boat Saturday.

The World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines said the Chinese vessel *F/N Min Long Yu* could have been carrying up to 2,000 of the toothless, insect-eating animals rolled up in the boxes, with their scales already removed.

"It is bad enough that the Chinese have illegally entered our seas, navigated without boat papers and crashed recklessly into a national marine park and World Heritage Site," said WWF-Philippines chief executive officer Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan. "It is simply deplorable that they appear to be posing as fishermen to trade in illegal wildlife."

The boat's 12 Chinese crewmen are being detained on charges of poaching and attempted bribery, said Adelina Villena, the marine park's lawyer. She said more charges are being prepared against them, including damaging the corals and violating the country's wildlife law for being found in possession of the pangolin meat.

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In this April 13, 2013 photo released by the Philippine Coast Guard, an officer of the Philippine Coast Guard holds a frozen pangolin or scaly anteater on board a Chinese vessel that ran into the Tubbataha coral reef, a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site, in the southwestern Philippines.

It is not yet clear which of the four Asian pangolin species the meat comes from. The International Union of Conservation of Nature lists two as endangered: the Sunda, or Malayan, pangolin, and the Chinese pangolin. Two others, including the Philippine pangolin endemic to Palawan, are classified as near threatened.

The animals are protected in many Asian nations, and an international trade ban has been in effect since 2002, but illicit trade continues. The meat and scales of the pangolin fetch hundreds of dollars per kilogram in China, where many believe they cure various ailments.

The IUCN says rising demand for pangolins and lax laws are wiping out the toothless anteaters from their forest habitat in Southeast Asia.

Alex Marcaida, an officer of the government's Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, Philippine authorities consider the Philippine pangolin threatened because of unabated illicit trade. He said the Chinese crewmen have said the pangolins came from Indonesia, but officials were still verifying the claim.

WWF-Philippines said the global illegal wildlife trade is estimated to yield at least $19 billion per year, comprising the fourth-largest illegal global trade after narcotics, product and currency counterfeiting and human trafficking. It said the risks are low compared with other crimes, and that high-level traders are rarely arrested, prosecuted or convicted.

The Philippine military quoted the fishermen as saying they accidentally wandered into Philippine waters from Malaysia. They were being detained in southwestern Puerto Princesa city, where Chinese consular officials visited them.

Tubbataha is a 97,000-hectare (239,700-acre) marine sanctuary and popular diving destination 640 kilometers (400 miles) southwest of Manila. The massive reef already had been damaged by a U.S. Navy ship that got stuck in January and had to be dismantled.

The fishermen face up to 12 years' imprisonment and fines of up to $300,000 for the poaching charge alone. For possession of the pangolin meat, they can be imprisoned up to six years and fined, Villena said.

NKorea, marking leader's birthday, shows more ire

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—After a day of festivities to mark the 101st birthday of its first leader, North Korea on Tuesday offered new prickly rhetoric against the United States and South Korea, which are watching closely for signs whether it will conduct a medium-range missile test in defiance of international concerns.

State media said the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army issued an ultimatum demanding an apology from South Korea for "hostile acts" and threatening that unspecified retaliatory actions would happen at any time.

The statement, relayed through the KCNA state media agency, came after a day of festivities in North Korea's capital that featured art performances, public dances and crowds thronging to giant bronze statues to pay homage to the late leader Kim Il Sung,

The renewed rhetoric was sparked by a protest in downtown Seoul, where effigies of Kim Il Sung and his son and successor, late leader Kim Jong Il, were burned. Such protests are not unusual in South Korea and this one likely gave the North a pretext to react negatively to calls for joining in dialogue with its neighbors than an actual cause for retaliation.

The North's statement said it would refuse any offers of talks with the South until it apologized for the "monstrous criminal act." North Korea often denounces such protests, but rarely in the name of the Supreme Command, which is headed by Kim Il Sung's grandson and North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong Un.

"If the puppet authorities truly want dialogue and negotiations, they should apologize for all anti-DPRK hostile acts, big and small, and show the compatriots their will to stop all these acts in practice," the statement said, referring to North Korea's official name.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said Tuesday it had received no such ultimatum officially, noting that there is no communications line between the two Koreas.

World sea piracy down 35 percent in the first quarter

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—World sea piracy fell 35 percent from a year ago in the first quarter of 2013, with the spotlight shifting to West Africa as navies helped keep pirates away from Somalia, an international maritime watchdog said Monday.

The International Maritime Bureau said 66 attacks were recorded worldwide in the first three months, down from 102 in the same period last year. Four vessels were hijacked with 75 crew members taken hostage and one killed during the period, according to data compiled by the London-based bureau's piracy reporting center in Malaysia.

The bureau said five attacks were reported off Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden, including one hijacking. That is down sharply from 36 cases a year ago, thanks to beefed-up naval patrols led by the U.S. and increased security measures on ships transiting the region. In the year 2010, 49 vessels were hijacked off Somalia and more than 1,000 crew members were taken hostage.

Sea piracy plunged to its lowest level in five years in 2012. A total of 297 attacks were recorded worldwide, down sharply from 439 in 2011.

At the same time, piracy is becoming a greater concern in the Gulf of Guinea in western Africa. The bureau reported 15 attacks in the gulf, including three hijackings.

It said Nigeria accounted for 11 attacks with pirates hijacking a vessel with 15 crew members. It said a crew member of a chemical tanker was killed when the vessel was fired upon at Lagos. Another three incidents were reported in Ivory Coast, with two fuel tankers hijacked, it said.

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea has escalated from low-level armed robberies to hijackings and cargo thefts and kidnappings. Last year, London-based Lloyd's Market Association—an umbrella group of insurers—listed oil-rich Nigeria, neighboring Benin and nearby waters in the same risk category as Somalia.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China criticizes increase in US forces in Asia

BEIJING (AP)—China's military says the U.S. is destabilizing the Asia-Pacific region by sending more forces to the area and boosting its alliances with regional partners. Defense Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun told reporters at a news conference on Tuesday that such steps run counter to regional political trends and damage peace and stability. Yang said countries involved should focus instead on increasing trust among regional players. China's armed forces have consistently criticized Washington's deployment of additional ships and men to Asia, along with moves to increase cooperation both with treaty partners, including Japan and the Philippines, and other countries such as Vietnam. The redeployments come as the U.S. winds down fighting in Afghanistan. Beijing sees them as directed at containing China's diplomatic, military, and economic rise.

2 top terror suspects survive PH offensive

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Two al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf commanders, including one on the FBI's list of most-wanted terrorists, survived a Philippine military offensive that killed eight militants and led to the seizure of their jungle lair and bomb materials in the southern Philippines, the military said Tuesday. The assault by more than 100 army troops early Monday targeted Abu Sayyaf commanders Isnilon Hapilon and Puruji Indama in the outskirts of Tipo Tipo town on Basilan Island, but the two managed to escape and were still being hunted by government forces, army brigade commander Col. Carlito Galvez said. At least three soldiers were wounded in the main assault and two separate gunbattles afterward with about 30 Abu Sayyaf gunmen. Troops captured the militants' lair, where they found bomb-making materials and equipment, along with sniper rifle parts, Galvez said.

India's top court orders state to share its lions

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's Supreme Court on Monday ordered western Gujarat state to share some of its endangered lions with a neighboring state to create a second home for them. The Asiatic lion has been almost wiped out in India, but intense conservation efforts by Gujarat over the last 50 years have brought them back from the brink of extinction. There are now around 400 Asiatic lions in Gujarat's Gir forests. Political leaders in Gujarat have resisted efforts to relocate some of the lions to a forest sanctuary in neighboring Madhya Pradesh, but the top court ordered Gujarat to transfer some of the lions next door within the next six months.

World

Iraq attacks kill 55 less than a week before vote

BAGHDAD (AP)—Insurgents in Iraq deployed a series of car bombs as part of highly coordinated attacks that cut across a wide swath of the country Monday, killing at least 55 on the deadliest day in nearly a month.

The assault bore the hallmarks of a resurgent al-Qaida in Iraq and appeared aimed at sowing fear days before the first elections since U.S. troops withdrew. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but coordinated attacks are a favorite tactic of al-Qaida's Iraq branch.

Iraqi officials believe the insurgent group is growing stronger and increasingly coordinating with allies fighting to topple Syrian President Bashar Assad across the border. They say rising lawlessness on the Syria-Iraq frontier and cross-border cooperation with a Syrian group, the Nusra Front, has improved the militants' supply of weapons and foreign fighters.

The intensifying violence, some of it related to the provincial elections scheduled for Saturday, is worrying for Iraqi officials and Baghdad-based diplomats alike. At least 14 candidates have been killed in recent weeks, including one slain in an apparent ambush Sunday.

AP

Civilians gather at the scene of a car bomb attack in the east Baghdad neighborhood of Kamaliya, Iraq, Monday, April 15, 2013.

"Of course we are concerned about the violence in the country that has been increasing in the last weeks," United Nations envoy Martin Kobler told The Associated Press. He condemned the bloodshed and urged Iraqi officials to push ahead with the elections.

"They should be free and fair, and every voter should go to the polls free of intimidation and fear," he said.

Iraqi Army Maj. Gen. Hassan al-Baydhani, the No. 2 official at Baghdad's military command, said authorities managed to defuse three car bombs in Baghdad before they could go off.

He described the violence as an attempt to derail the elections and intimidate voters.

"The terrorists want to grab headlines as we approach election day," he said.

Monday's attacks—most of them car bombings—were unusually broad in scope. Among the places where attacks erupted were the Sunni-dominated western Anbar province and Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, the ethnically contested oil-rich city of Kirkuk and towns in the predominantly Shiite south.

The deadliest attacks hit Baghdad, where multiple car bombs and other explosions killed 25 people.

In one attack, a parked car bomb exploded at a bus station in the eastern suburbs of Kamaliya, killing four and wounding 13. Qassim Saad, a teacher in a nearby school, said his pupils began screaming as the explosion shattered windows.

He described a chaotic scene where security forces opened fire into the air upon arrival to disperse onlookers as overturned vegetable carts sat stained with blood amid wrecked storefronts.

Saad blamed politicians and security forces for lapses that led to the attacks, saying that elected officials "are doing nothing to help the people and are only looking out for their benefits."

Two more car bombs exploded in a rare attack in a parking lot near the heavily guarded entrances to Baghdad International Airport. Three people were killed, including a bodyguard of a Shiite lawmaker whose convoy was passing by.

Security beefed up worldwide after Boston blasts

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From the World Trade Center and Times Square in New York to the White House and sports venues across the country, police patrolled in packs and deployed counterterrorism teams Monday as security was stepped up after explosions at the Boston Marathon.

Worries also reverberated across the Atlantic, where an already robust security operation was being beefed up for Wednesday's ceremonial funeral for former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The event at St. Paul's Cathedral, to be attended by Queen Elizabeth II and other dignitaries, calls for a procession through the streets of London, with Thatcher's flag-draped coffin carried on a horse-drawn carriage.

British police were also reviewing security plans for Sunday's London Marathon—the next major international race—because of the bombs that killed three people and injured more than 140 in Boston.

Across the U.S., security was tightened at landmarks, government buildings, transit hubs and sporting events. Law enforcement agencies also urged the public via Twitter and Facebook to report suspicious activity to the police.

In New York, authorities deployed so-called critical response teams—highly visible patrol units that move in packs with lights and sirens—along with more than 1,000 counterterrorism officers. Highly trafficked areas like the Empire State building, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the United Nations and the World Trade Center site were being especially monitored.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the police department was fully prepared to protect the city.

"Some of the security steps we are taking may be noticeable," Bloomberg said. "And others will not be."

In Washington, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano urged the American public "to be vigilant and to listen to directions from state and local officials."

"At the president's direction, the Department of Homeland Security is providing any support necessary in this ongoing investigation," Napolitano said.

Maduro certified as election winner amid protests

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's government-friendly electoral council quickly certified the razor-thin presidential victory of Hugo Chavez' hand-picked successor Monday, apparently ignoring opposition demands for a recount as anti-government protests broke out in the bitterly polarized nation.

Maduro

People stood on balconies banging pots and pans in protest as the electoral council's president proclaimed Nicolas Maduro president for the next six years. In the evening, they did it again, a raucous clanging in neighborhoods rich and poor, including the one surrounding the presidential palace where Maduro was holding a news conference.

In the afternoon, thousands of young people clashed with National Guard troops in riot gear who fired tear gas and plastic bullets to block the protesters back from marching on the city center. The demonstrators threw stones and pieces of concrete. Protests also were reported in provincial cities.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Maduro was elected Sunday by a margin of 50.8 percent to 49 percent over challenger Henrique Capriles—a difference of just 262,000 votes out of 14.9 million cast, according to an updated official count released Monday.

Sworn in as acting president after Chavez's March 5 death from cancer, Maduro squandered a double-digit advantage in opinion polls in two weeks as Capriles highlighted what he called the ruling Chavistas' abysmal management of the oil-rich country's economy and infrastructure, citing myriad woes including food and medicine shortages, worsening power outages and rampant crime.

By contrast, Chavez had defeated Capriles by a nearly 11-point margin in October.

Until every vote is counted, Venezuela has an "illegitimate president and we denounce that to the world," Capriles tweeted Monday.

One of the five members of the National Electoral Council, independent Vicente Diaz, also backed a full recount, as did the United States and the Organization of American States.

But the electoral council president, Tibisay Lucena, said in announcing the outcome Sunday that it was "irreversible." At the proclamation ceremony Monday, she called Venezuela "a champion of democracy" and defended its electronic vote system as bullet-proof.

Capriles, a 40-year-old state governor, had demanded the proclamation be suspended. He convoked the pot-banging protest and asked supporters to gather outside the electoral council Tuesday

Capriles claimed that members of the military, "an important group in various cities," had been detained for trying to guarantee a free and fair election. He said they had been ordered to ignore abuses they witnessed. Capriles did not offer further details, such as how many were involved.

Chad's leader: Troops to leave Mali guerrilla war

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—The war against armed Islamic extremists in Mali will lose some 2,000 Chadian soldiers, the president of Chad said, leaving Malian cities more vulnerable to a resurgence of jihadist attacks.

The news that Chad will pull its troops from Mali could force France to push back its own timeframe for withdrawing its troops from its former West African colony and creates greater urgency for a U.N. force in Mali. The United Nations is set to consider sending a peacekeeping mission, but diplomats have yet to determine its scope and composition.

Since the French-led mission began in mid-January, soldiers from Chad have been involved in some of the fiercest fighting and are credited with some of the biggest successes to date. Among them was killing Abou Zeid, a notorious al-Qaida commander who had kidnapped and terrorized Westerners in the desert for years.

Chad also has suffered heavy troop casualties. Chadian President Idriss Deby announced his forces would not be sticking around for a protracted guerrilla war with the radical Islamic insurgents.

"Chad's army has no ability to face the kind of guerrilla fighting that is emerging in northern Mali. Our soldiers are going to return to Chad. They have accomplished their mission," Deby said in an interview with French journalists posted online Monday.

France took the lead back in January in launching the war to dislodge Islamic militants who had seized control of northern Mali in 2012 amid the chaos after a coup in Mali's capital.

The French, like the Chadians, are hoping to downscale their presence and have said they hope to have only 1,000 troops left in Mali by the end of the year, down from a high of 4,000.

Focus

Loved ones seek word on Boston runners after blast

AP

Justine Franco of Montpelier, Vt., holds up a sign near Copley Square in Boston looking for her missing friend, April, who was running in her first Boston Marathon Monday, April 15, 2013. Two bombs exploded near the finish line of the marathon on Monday, killing at least two people and injuring at least 23 others.

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CHICAGO (AP)—Far-flung family members, co-workers and friends frantically used social media, cellphones and even a "people finder" website Monday to try to learn the fate of participants and spectators at the Boston Marathon, where three people were killed and dozens injured after a pair of bombs exploded near the finish line of one of the world's great races.

The search was made more difficult because heavy cellphone use caused slow and delayed service. In an age connected by everything digital, the hours after the blasts produced a tense silence.

At the race, 51-year-old Julie Jeske, of Bismarck, N.D., had finished about 15 minutes before the explosions and was about two blocks away when she heard two loud booms. She immediately tried to call her parents but could not place the call. A friend was able to post on Facebook that they were OK, but reaching her parents was another worry.

"I wasn't able to call and I felt so bad," Jeske said. "When I was finally able to reach them, my mom said she was just absolutely beside herself with fear."

On the other side of the continent, in Seattle, Lisa Cliggett was waiting for any word from her brother and sister-in-law.

Mark Cliggett, 51, and his wife, Dr. Janet Vogelzang, 54, have run several marathons together and always send their sons text messages after crossing the finishing line. On Monday, those messages didn't arrive and the couple could not be reached via cellphone.

Lisa Cliggett said she went to the marathon's website and tried to calculate where the couple should be based on their last locations and running speeds. She decided they should have already finished the race when the blasts hit.

"The question is, do you loiter around the finish line?" she said. "And where was the bomb?"

Finally, about three hours after the blasts, the couple called their sons to tell they were unhurt. Matt Cliggett sent his sister a text that said, "We were about 100 yards from second explosion. Sad day."

Google also stepped in to help family and friends of runners find their loved ones, setting up a site called Google Person Finder that allows users to enter the name of a person they're looking for or enter information about someone who was there. A few hours after the explosion, the site indicated it was tracking 3,600 records.

Mary Beth Aasen, of Shorewood, Wis., and her husband were using an app to track their daughter Maggie's progress along the marathon route. They didn't realize anything was wrong until a worried friend texted Aasen and asked if Maggie was OK.

The app indicated that Maggie was still moving, a relief for her parents. Mary Beth Aasen tried in vain to call her daughter for about 30 minutes before Maggie called her.

"When I talked to her she was pretty upset," Aasen said.

Kim Hauser, a substitute teacher in the Chicago area, did not know about the explosions until her students went home and she got a chance to look at her phone. There were messages from acquaintances asking, "`Is your brother OK?" She searched the news and it dawned on her why they were asking.

"I tried to call him immediately, but there was no cell service," the Frankfort, Ill., woman said. "I waited anxiously by the phone. I just felt horrible. I had a hard time holding myself together."

Five minutes became 10, then 20—finally, 45 minutes later she looked down to see a text from her brother, Thomas Wiora. He had crossed the finish line shortly before the explosion and was 120 yards away when it went off. But he was fine.

Blasts near finish line

Two bombs exploded near the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon about four hours into the race. The area was filled with the 17,000 runners who had already crossed the finish line and spectators attending the annual Patriot's Day race.

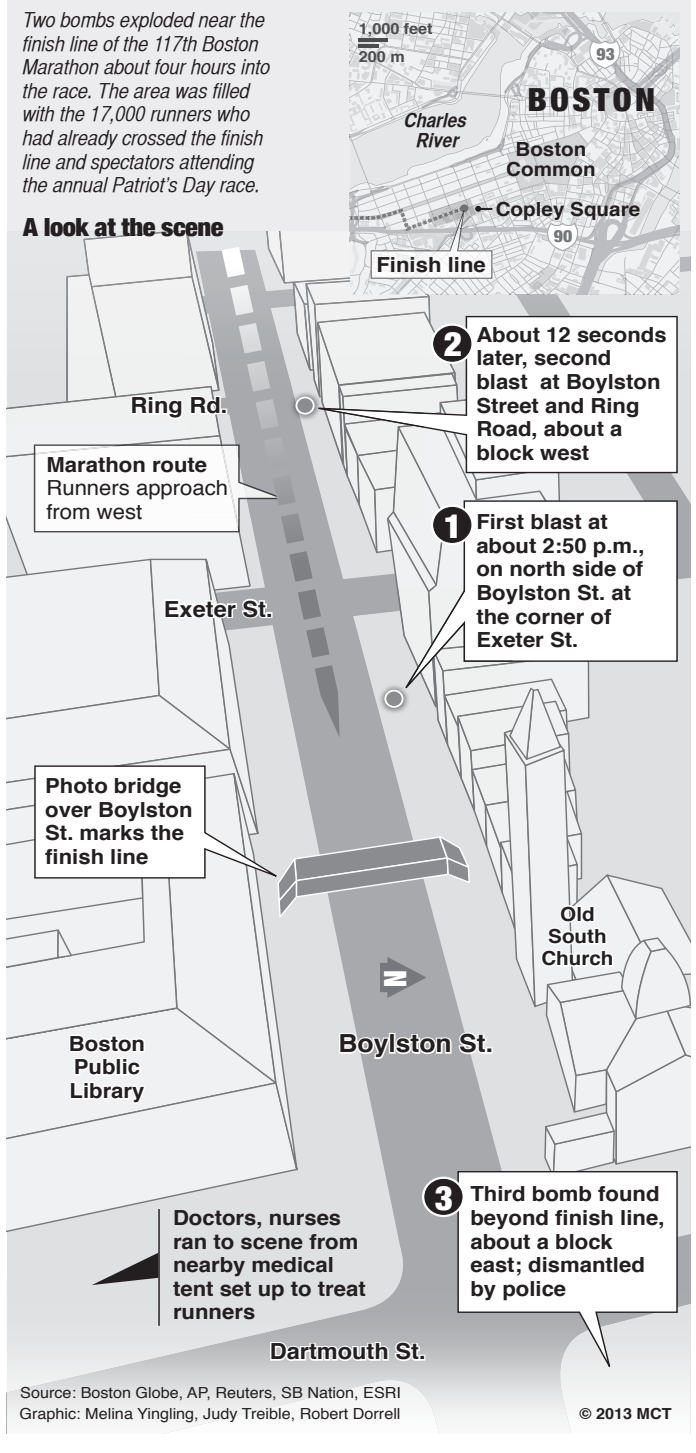
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Photo bridge over Boylston St. marks the finish line
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Boston Public Library
3 Third bomb found beyond finish line, about a block east; dismantled by police
Doctors, nurses ran to scene from nearby medical tent set up to treat runners
Dartmouth St.

Source: Boston Globe, AP, Reuters, SB Nation, ESRI
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Witnesses describe scene of marathon bombing

BOSTON (AP)—Bruce Mendelsohn was attending a post-race party in an office building just above the Boston Marathon finish line when an explosion knocked him to the floor.

"There was like a flash, then a giant boom," he said. "The concussion blew me off the couch onto the ground."

The former Army medic rushed outside to find blood, glass and debris everywhere. He began applying pressure to gruesome wounds.

"This stuff is more like Baghdad and Bombay than Boston," said Mendelsohn, who works at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It was pretty terrifying."

Other witnesses who heard the blasts near the finish line described similar scenes of chaos and carnage:

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Phil Kenkel was approaching the finish line when the two explosions happened just moments apart. The first made him wonder if it was a prank, the second stirred "sheer terror."

The second bomb "went off virtually right beside me. About the only way out of that area was straight ahead," said Kenkel, of Stillwater, Okla.

"The glass was out of the building, and there was obviously a big hole in the crowd. You realize there must have been people there that were knocked down."

Kenkel called his wife to let her know he was all right.

"He wasn't hurt, which is a miracle, I guess," Evelyn Quillen said.

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Peter Gravelle was in the VIP seating area at the finish line, waiting for his son and granddaughter when the blasts happened. He saw one victim sail through the air - followed by what he believed was a severed limb.

"I thought I saw an arm," Gravelle said.

His wife, Mary, said she'll never forget the horror of what she saw.

"My heart breaks for all these people," she said. "They actually fell down in the road. The poor souls, yelling for help."

The couple's son and granddaughter were unhurt.

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A Kansas surgeon had finished the race moments before he ran to help the wounded.

The first blast came about 30 seconds after Dr. Chris Rupe, of Salina, Kan., crossed the finish line. At first, he thought the sound came from a building or grandstand collapsing. He hurried to see if he could help and spent about an hour in the medical tent treating the wounded.

After that, most had been taken to hospitals.

"I'd just run 26 miles. I was starting to get tired," Rupe told The Salina Journal. "There were a lot of great people who were there. There are a lot of good people in the world."

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Emily Biglin Valentine thanked God she ran a good time.

Only a half-hour before the bombing, the Novi, Mich., woman's husband and friend had been cheering her one from one of the blast sites.

The three were walking to a train when they heard explosions that sounded like cannon fire.

"When I finished I was so elated, and I said, `I'm doing that again.'"

Now she doesn't think she'll go back.

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Thomas Fabian II's father had finished the race shortly before the explosions, but his mother was still on the course miles back.

Fabian, of Port Charlotte, Fla., said his mother, Carol, ended up at a cafeteria and chapel on the campus of Boston College with a crowd of other runners. She had a hard time reconnecting with her husband.

Fabian's parents have run nearly 100 marathons in the last five years or so, he said. They were scheduled to fly from Boston quickly to compete in this coming weekend's London Marathon.

"I'm not sure if they're going to go now," he said.

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Tracy Eaves had just crossed the finish line moments earlier to finish her 39th marathon, collected her medal and called her husband back in Niles, Mich., when she felt and heard "this huge shaking boom."

Eaves told her husband she thought it was a celebratory cannon blast. After the second blast, she started to panic.

Race officials quickly ushered her and other runners from the scene. She eventually made her way back to her hotel.

"You're so happy and excited to finish. You're ecstatic. You get your medal. You get your Gatorade and—boom."

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Norwegian Janicke Ekelberg had also finished the race and was walking back to her hotel when she heard the explosions.

"At first I thought it was a salute," Ekelberg told Norwegian broadcaster NRK. "But then I saw the emergency vehicles coming in. Fire trucks, ambulances.

That's when, Ekelberg said, "we realized something wasn't right."

Campus Life

Community invited to NMC Career Fair tomorrow

As part of its efforts to connect students and community members with prospective employers, the Northern Marianas College will be hosting its annual Career Fair Day tomorrow, April 18, 2013. The public is invited to attend this free event.

The Career Fair, which will be held from 9am to 12pm at NMC's Building D, will feature several private sector companies, non-profit organizations, and government agencies who are looking to fill key vacancies within their organizations. The companies and organizations who will be at the Career Fair Day include the Public School System, Office of Personal Management, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Sorensen Media Group, Joeten Enterprises Inc., Hyatt Regency, Pacific Islands Club, NMC Human Resources, College Access Challenge Grant, DFS, *Marianas Variety*, USDA/ Natural Resources Conservation Services, Workforce Investment Agency, and the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence.

To prepare participants for the Career Fair and for the realities of job hunting, the college's Career Center organized several career preparation workshops that were free and open to the public. The workshops included resume writing, dressing for success, meeting employers' expectations, and customer service skills.

The following companies participated during the workshops: Department of Public Safety Fire, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, U.S. Department of Labor, Younis Art Studio, Hyatt Regency, Iridescent, Bank of Hawaii, and the NMC Nursing Club.

"We are grateful for the support that we got from businesses in the community," said Neda Camacho, Career Services manager. "We look forward to helping many members of the community to connect with prospective employers."

The Career Fair activities are supported with funds from the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant Program. ***(NMC)***

Navy Guam reps speak to students at Career Day

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SANTA RITA, Guam—Navy personnel from three Guam commands discussed their professions with students during the Seventh Annual Career Day at Jose L.G. Rios Middle School in Piti, Guam, on April 12.

Sailors from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and firefighters from U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services attended the event to increase student awareness and interests in various career opportunities and encourage the children to plan their future by narrowing career choices.

"I enjoyed that the firefighters came out here and shared the career with the kids; it gave the students a real good glimpse of what the fire department is like," said Francis McJohn, one of the school's Social Studies teacher. "The military and firefighters have a strong force at Career Day, even back when I was a student attending Career Day."

JRM FES firefighter Kevin Rivera said he and his colleagues enjoyed showing the students what their career is about.

"It is good to educate these kids and let them know what we carry on the truck and what we provide to help them out," he said. "I hope they can have better understanding and knowledge in what we do in trying to help the community."

Aside from discussing their daily operations, the firefighters explained to students that they are there to help the community.

"We teach these kids about what we do around the community and show them our equipment so that way they don't have to be too fearful when they see us come up on scene for an emergency."

Hospital Corpsman Kathleen Anderson, of USNH Guam, shared her career experiences with eighth graders and said she was glad to have been a part of the event.

"I liked it, the children were a little bit confused about our terminology so we had to be a little more simple in what we said," she said. "The kids were excited in what we do in the military and were intrigued about being in uniform."

Anderson said she hoped the kids would get more of an idea of what careers are out there for them to do.

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Jeremy Starr is a Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class.

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Fire Inspector Bethany Bott, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services, speaks to students regarding fire safety during the Seventh Annual Career Day at Jose L. G. Rios Middle School in Piti, Guam, April 12.

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Hospital Corpsman Kristian Davidson of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, center, discusses his occupation with students during the Seventh Annual Career Day at Jose L. G. Rios Middle School in Piti, Guam, April 12. Sailors from USNH Guam and firefighters from U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services shared their day-to-day jobs with students to help shape their future career paths.

MCS recognizes top students for 3rd quarter

Mount Carmel School congratulates the following students for making it to the 3rd Quarter President's List and Honor Roll.

PRESIDENT'S LIST
To be on the President's List, students must have a GPA of 4.00 or above and must attain character marks of Very Good or above.

1ST GRADE
Chen, Jeery
Dayrit, Jenarisa Mae S.
Dela Cruz, L'Wina Lynn
Gamab, Gwen Tiffany D.
Lai, Li Sha
Manglona, Aiyana Jade R.
Propst, Devin Jordan M.
Sablan, Andrew B.
Taimanao, Jr. Il, Joannes R.
Torres, Maria Yoshie C.

2ND GRADE
Cabrera, Kyla Monique B.
Hunter, Brissa C.
Muna, Breanna S.
Omar, Salina Jacklyn I.
Ortizo, Brent Matthew E.
Sasamoto, Yurihana Rosa D.

3RD GRADE
Aldave, Lynette Anne D.
Bucalig, Fiona Marielle A.
Combinido, Jewel Monique M.
Cruzana, Daphne Rylee M.
Diaz, Jeremiah Jerome H.
Mallari, Vaughn Andrei A.
Mareham, Jacob C.
Mendiola, Alleah Marie R.
Pelen, Brandon Philip A.
Propst, Kiana Lei M.
San Nicolas, Katmelo L.
Schweiger, Theresa Rose C.
Tenorio, Joshua C.

4TH GRADE
Avendano-Woodruff, Katherine Stephanie
Ayuyu, Maria Kanako E.
Hunter, Brandee C.
Kang, Kevin
Langdon, Tristin Kyler M.
Mareham, Zoe Kleui C.
Reyes, Kyana Frances D.
Sablan, Penelope F.
Sato, Maaya

5TH GRADE
Borja, Kalea Lou B.
Bucalig, Francesca Marie A.
Buenaventura, Riley Anne O.
Deleon Guerrero, William Blake C.
Javier, Lleyton Andre A.
Kim, Yu Dam
Rabang, Katelyn A.
Salilin, Dustin Ross D.

6TH GRADE
Macaranas, Dayna Lou M.
Pangelinan, Rosalia Francine A.
Ramirez, Reica Jucel A.

7TH GRADE
Lazaro, Maria Christine M.
Usi, Monica Aira B.

8TH GRADE
Ortizo, Michael Roy E.

9TH GRADE
Javier, Cathryn Jane A.
Manglona, Thomas Lee, Il A.
Pangelinan, Jonathan R.

10TH GRADE
Babauta, Peter Thomas A.
Camacho, William D.
Lazaro, Maria Fe Andrea M.

11TH GRADE
Jun, Bo Min
Kang, Hyun Suk
Lizama Il, Leon Liang
Wu, Ginny

12TH GRADE
Camacho, Victoria Ann B.
Lizama, Feng Liang
Olarte, Alyssia Ashley D.
Revilla, Janela A.
Ryu, Ji Min
Sablan, Kimberly Rae
Saludez, John Gilbert S.
Schweiger, Anastasia Rose C.

HONOR ROLL
To be on the Honor Roll, students must have a GPA of 3.66 or above and must not have any behavior grade of Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement.

1ST GRADE
Barcinas, Alicia L.
Blanco, Elisa Ellen E.
Celis, Ayana Kai S.
Macaranas, Junior Aiden Rocco M.
Militante, Ethan Jude C.
Salas, Raymana Owen D.
Tolentino, Leyonne Alfred F.

2ND GRADE
Baldazo, Keehara Nielsen V.
Camacho, Vidal Jose H.
Cruz, Moeisha Eleanor F.
Dela Cruz, Kina M.
Deleon Guerrero II, Serafin R.
Palacios, Ryona Exsaleen S.
Sablan, Mathew Adrian A.
Sasamoto, Derek Moritaro S.

3RD GRADE
Alvarez, Robin Kyle M.
Chong, Kevin Daisuke M.
Duenas, Monique Laura F.
Morales, Ariel S.
Pangelinan, Jamille B.
Sablan, Vidal Jose B.
Travilla, Kaia D.

4TH GRADE
Foreman, Kody Ryan C.
Tomboc, Reuben Christian O.

5TH GRADE
Evangelista, Aven Manny L.
Pelen, Ashley Mae A.
Richardson, Mathew Roderick
Taguchi, Julia I.

6TH GRADE
Han, Louisa Sa
Ocampo, Justin Gerald P.
Pangelinan, Joanna Marie R.
Sato, Karen
Tabora, Earl Daivick B.

7TH GRADE
Lee, Hee Joo
Muna, De'Jana Lennise S.
Torres, Cassidy Victoria C.
Zheng, Rui Hua Theresa Xu

8TH GRADE
Deleon Guerrero Jr., Zeno C.
Doctor, Jaqueline B.
Lee, Eric
Revilla, Veeny France A.

9TH GRADE
Iwai, Emiri Angela
Pak, Han Byeol

10TH GRADE
Moses, Darvhan-Augustine V.
Romolor, Itchakomi Neiwoolim T.
Seo, Grace Yoo
Son, Jung Hyun (Tony)

11TH GRADE
Jung, Ju Won

12TH GRADE
Cho, Bryan
Elenzano, Anne Gelika M.
Masga, Michelle Ann M.
Shin, So Yeon (Christina)
Taguchi, Ken I.

Life & Style

Fiction Pulitzer returns and Adam Johnson wins it

NEW YORK (AP)—Adam Johnson's "The Orphan Master's Son," a labyrinthine story of a man's travails in North Korea, has won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, restoring a high literary honor a year after no fiction award was given.

Pulitzer judges on Monday praised Johnson's book as "an exquisitely crafted novel that carries the reader on an adventuresome journey into the depths of totalitarian North Korea and into the most intimate spaces of the human heart." It was the third book by the 45-year-old Johnson, who teaches creative writing at Stanford University.

"I wanted to give a picture of what it was like to be an ordinary person in North Korea," said Johnson, who spent a few days there to research his novel. "It's illegal there for citizens to interact with foreigners, so the only way I could really get to know these people was through my imagination."

Booksellers and publishers had been surprised and angered in 2012 when Pulitzer officials decided for the first time in decades not to give a fiction prize, which usually results in a quick and sustained boost in sales. There was no clear favorite Monday for fiction, with Louise Erdrich's "The Round House" and a pair of novels about the Iraq war, Ben Fountain's "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" and Kevin Powers' "The Yellow Birds," among those receiving strong attention.

Johnson's novel was one of three works with Asian themes to win Pulitzers. Ayad Akhtar's "Disgraced," the story of a successful Pakistani-American lawyer whose dinner party goes out of control, won for drama and Fredrik Logevall's "Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam," for history.

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This undated photo provided by the Pulitzer Prize Board shows Adam Johnson.

Logevall and Johnson also shared the same publisher, Random House; and same editor, David Ebershoff. Logevall said Monday that he worked on his book for 11 years, "missed a deadline or two," but that he was glad he had the time to "make sure everything was just right."

"My editor (Ebershoff) was very patient with me," Logevall said.

In "Disgraced," a dinner party brings together two couples and several religious and ethnic identities over pork tenderloin and chorizo. When chitchat touches on Islamic and Judaic tradition, the Quran and the Talmud, racial profiling and Sept. 11 and the Taliban and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Benjamin Netanyahu—along with the requisite alcohol intake—chaos is achieved.

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The biography winner was Tom Reiss' "The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo." Gilbert King's "Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America" won for general nonfiction and Sharon Olds' "Stag's Leap" for poetry.

Reiss, who lives in New York, was at the dentist when he learned the news. He not only received $10,000 in prize money, but his dentist waved the fee for his visit.

Four of the five books to win Pulitzers were published by divisions of Random House, Inc., which also released two of the most acclaimed books of 2012 not to receive awards Monday: Robert Caro's latest Lyndon Johnson biography, "The Passage of Power"; and Katherine Boo's "Behind the Beautiful Forevers," a finalist in the general nonfiction category and winner of the National Book Award.

Ayad Akhtar 'shocked' by Pulitzer Prize win

NEW YORK (AP)—Ayad Akhtar's "Disgraced," a play about a successful Pakistani-American lawyer whose dinner party spins out of control amid a heated discussion of identity and religion, has won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for drama.

"It's such a huge honor. I'm still in shock, actually," the playwright said from London, where he's helping ready a new production of "Disgraced" at the Bush Theatre. "I feel very fortunate and very grateful."

"Disgraced" had its world premiere at Chicago's American Theater Company in 2012 and then ran at Lincoln Center Theater's Claire Tow Theater.

The lead character, Amir Kapoor, a Pakistani-American corporate lawyer, lives on the Upper East Side in an apartment described in the script as "spare and tasteful with subtle flourishes of the Orient." Amir loves the New York Knicks and the Magnolia Bakery and his elegant $600 shirts with their "ridiculous thread count."

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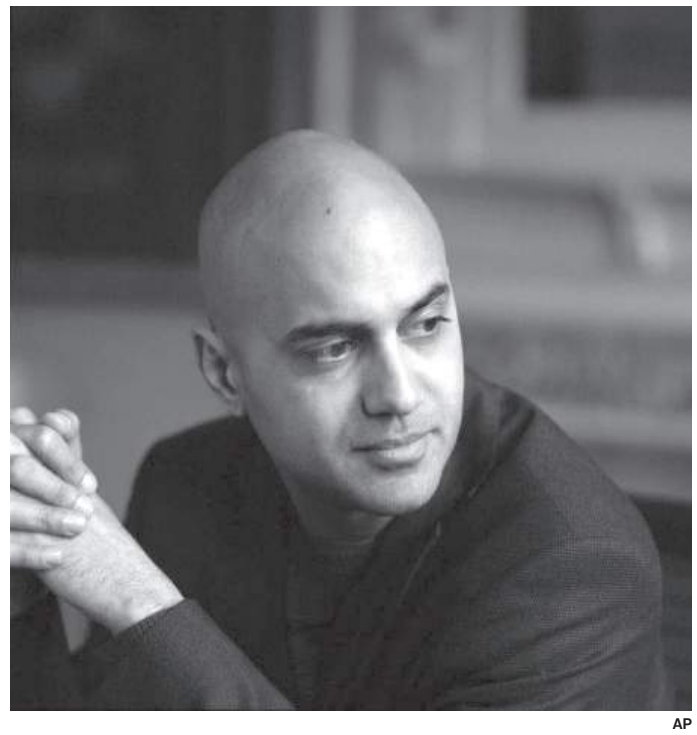
The Columbia University's prize board on Monday said the 42-year-old playwright's work beat out finalists "Rapture, Blister, Burn" by Gina Gionfriddo and "4000 Miles" by Amy Herzog.

Akhtar, a 42-year-old New Yorker, also wrote the novel "American Dervish" and co-wrote and played the lead in the film "The War Within." His "Disgraced" got a celebrity gloss in New York when the lead character was played by Aasif Mandvi, the very funny correspondent on Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show."

The drama award, which includes a $10,000 prize, is "for a distinguished play by an American author, preferably original in its source and dealing with American life," according to the official guidelines. The production must have opened during 2012 to be eligible for this year's award.

Last year's winner was Quiara Alegria Hudes's play "Water by the Spoonful," about an Iraq war veteran struggling to find his place in the world. Previous playwrights honored include August Wilson, Edward Albee, Eugene O'Neill, Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams.

Akhtar, the child of Pakistani immigrants, grew up in Wisconsin, and studied at Brown University and at Columbia University's film school. In addition to "Disgraced," he wrote the hostage thriller "The Invisible Hand," which had its world premiere at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis last year.



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This undated photo provided by the Pulitzer Prize Board shows Ayad Akhtar.

Caroline Shaw wins 2013 Pulitzer for music

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This undated photo provided by the Pulitzer Prize Board shows violinist Caroline Shaw.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Caroline Shaw has won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for music for her "Partita for 8 Voices."

The award, one of seven given in the arts, was announced Monday afternoon by the Pulitzer foundation. Shaw is a violinist and vocalist originally from North Carolina now based in New York.

She says on her website she wrote the a cappella piece for her vocal octet Roomful of Teeth. It was released on Roomful of Teeth's self-titled debut album last October on New Amsterdam Records.

Shaw writes of the four-part suite on her website: "Partita is a simple piece. Born of a love of surface and structure, of the human voice, of dancing and tired ligaments, of music, and of our basic desire to draw a line from one point to another."

She says the piece was inspired by Sol LeWitt's "Wall Drawing 305."

It is the first Pulitzer for Shaw, who did not immediately respond to messages left Monday, and breaks a string of two straight opera winners. She will receive $10,000.

Other finalists included previous winner Aaron Jay Kernis for classical composition "Pieces of Winter Sky" and jazz musician Wadada Leo Smith for "Ten Freedom Summers," a 10-part examination of the civil rights movement.

The Pulitzer committee wrote of Shaw's work: "a highly polished and inventive a cappella work uniquely embracing speech, whisphers, sighs, murmurs, wordless melodies and novel vocal effects."

McIntyre tweets he's OK after Boston marathon run

NEW YORK (AP)—New Kids on the Block singer Joey McIntyre tweets that he's OK after two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon minutes after he completed the 26.2-mile (40 kilometer) run.

The 40-year-old tweets Monday that "there was an explosion by the finish line about 5 minutes after I finished."

He adds: "I'm ok but I'm sure there are many hurt."

Two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing two people and injuring at least 102 others. A senior U.S. intelligence official said two other explosive devices were found near the finish line.

New Kids on the Block is based out of Boston. McIntyre's bandmate Donnie Wahlberg tweeted "please reach out if you hear that (McIntyre) is ok!!!!!" before he heard that his friend was safe.

Zadie Smith on Granta best young novelists list

LONDON (AP)—Newcomer Taiye Selasi and established best-seller Zadie Smith have been named to Granta magazine's list of best young British novelists—a once-a-decade roster with a reputation for predicting literary stars.

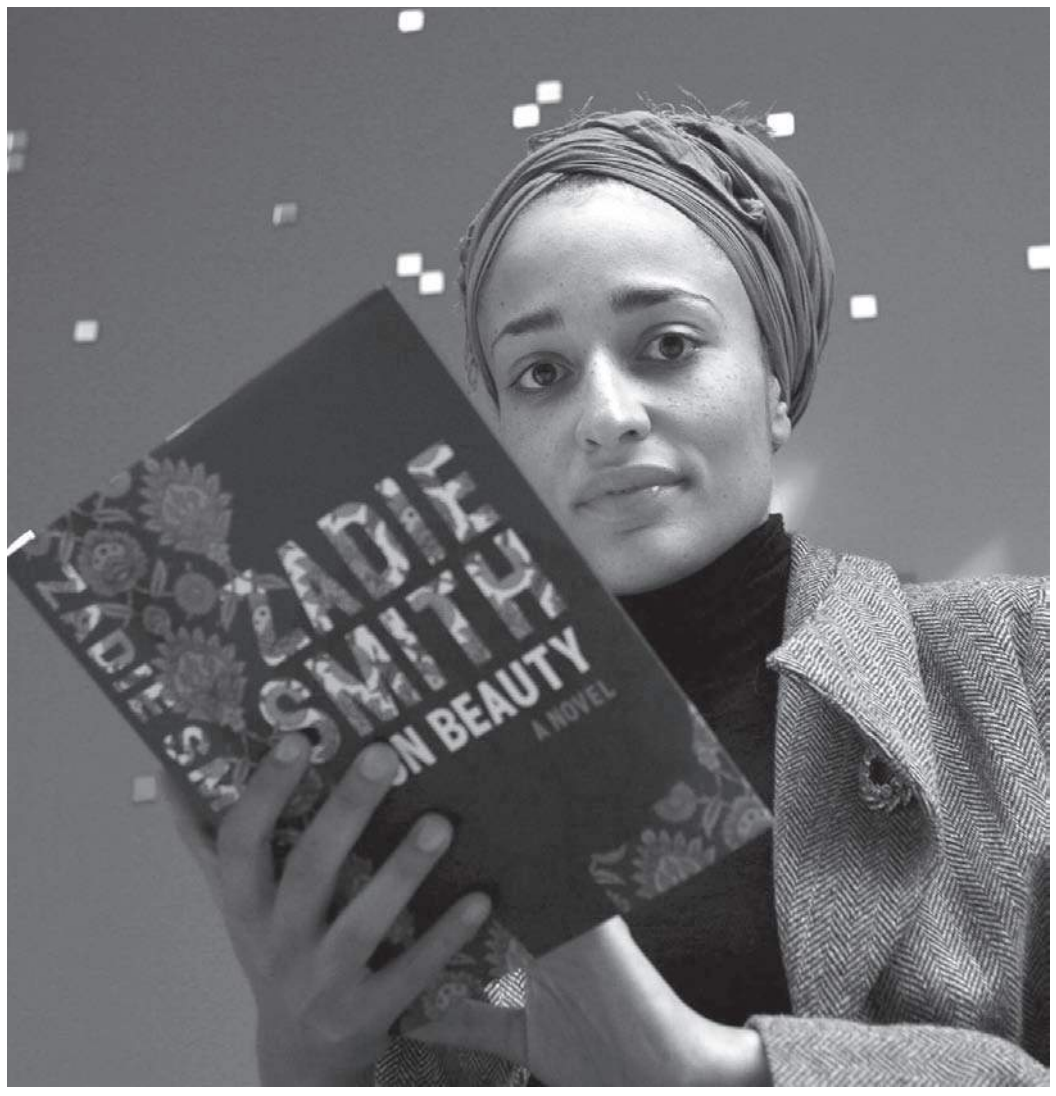
The lineup of 20 writers under 40 announced Monday also includes Sarah Hall, Adam Foulds, Kamila Shamsie, Adam Thirlwell and Helen Oyeyemi.

The list includes 12 women and eight men, whose roots stretch from China, Bangladesh, Somalia and Canada to London and the north of England.

The best known is probably Smith, 37, who shot to fame in 2000 with her debut novel "White Teeth" and has gone on to write novels including "On Beauty" and "NW."

One of the least known is 33-year-old Selasi, a London-born, Boston-raised writer with Ghanaian and Nigerian parents who has been mentored by Toni Morrison. Her first novel, "Ghana Must Go," was published last month.

The list also includes Naomi Alderman—author of three novels and creator of a zombie-themed fitness phone app—and former pro basketball player and six-time novelist Benjamin Markovits.



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In this Sept. 19, 2005 file photo, British author Zadie Smith poses with her book, "On Beauty" in London.

Granta editor John Freeman said the list demonstrated "that the novel has a bold, brilliant future in Britain."

The Granta selection, chosen by a panel of writers, editors and critics, carries weight because the magazine's first selection, in 1983, proved prescient. Among the original 20 were future heavyweights Martin Amis, Julian Barnes, Salman Rushdie, Pat Barker, Kazuo Ishiguro, Graham Swift and Ian McEwan.

The 1993 roster included Ben Okri, Alan Hollinghurst, Jeanette Winterson and "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" author Louis de Bernieres.

Smith and Thirlwell both appeared on the 2003 list, along with "Brick Lane" writer Monica Ali and "Cloud Atlas" author David Mitchell.

Jonathan Ruppin, web editor for the Foyles bookstore chain, said the 2013 selection was "a fascinating and very promising list."

"If you look at that first list (in 1983), the accusations of publishing being a bit parochial and white and middle class—you could make that claim. This list does reflect the huge diversity of ethnic backgrounds that are now recognized as part of the literary world.

"It's also nice to see names who have a few books under their belt and they're acclaimed but have not really racked up the readers yet—writers like Ross Raisin, Helen Oyeyemi, Naomi Alderman and Kamila Shamsie," he said.

The 2013 list, in alphabetical order: Naomi Alderman, Tahmima Anam, Ned Beauman, Jenni Fagan, Adam Foulds, Xiaolu Guo, Sarah Hall, Steven Hall, Joanna Kavenna, Benjamin Markovits, Nadifa Mohamed, Helen Oyeyemi, Ross Raisin, Sunjeev Sahota, Taiye Selasi, Kamila Shamsie, Zadie Smith, David Szalay, Adam Thirlwell, Evie Wyld.

Work by all the authors is published in the latest issue of Granta.

Granta also has twice compiled lists of young American novelists, in 1996 and 2007. The earlier list included Jonathan Franzen, David Guterson and Jeffrey Eugenides, while Jonathan Safran Foer, Nicole Krauss and Gary Shteyngart were on the 2007 edition.

Israeli ban on Galliano dress sparks uproar

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's national broadcast authority has banned the country's contestant in the upcoming Eurovision song contest from wearing a dress made by John Galliano, citing an anti-Semitic rant by the celebrity designer two years ago.

There's only one problem: Galliano says he never offered to make the dress.

Galliano's publicist, Liz Rosenberg, said Monday that claims by singer Moran Mazor that Galliano had agreed to design her dress were false, and that there had not been any "official correspondence" between the singer's stylist and Galliano.

"That was reconfirmed to me moments ago by John himself," she said in an email.

The issue of Mazor's dress has set off a minor uproar in Israel.

Mazor was quoted in Israeli media last week as saying she reached out to several designers to help her with her dress for the competition, and that Galliano accepted the offer.

Her announcement prompted Yoav Ginai, an executive at the state-run Israel Broadcast Authority, which broadcasts the competition, to fire off a letter to the singer's representatives saying that she would not be allowed to wear a dress designed by Galliano "under any circumstance."

The letter referred to Galliano's drunken tirade at a Paris cafe two years ago, caught on videotape, in which he hurled racist and anti-Semitic insults and slurred, "I love Hitler." He was dismissed from Christian Dior, left his namesake label and was convicted by a French court on complaints of anti-Semitic behavior.

Galliano has since said he is an alcoholic. He has been in recovery for the past two years and expressed regret for causing pain to the Jewish community.

"I have no doubt that you, too, as an Israeli and a Jew, understand that such a 'glorious resume,' especially at a time of racism and anti-Semitism across Europe, denies this man any right to dress or work with a representative of Israel for the Eurovision, even if he has 'apologized,'" Ginai wrote.

Ginai's letter drew an angry response from Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, a New York-based group that combats anti-Semitism. In an interview, Foxman said he has met with Galliano five or six times over the past two years and believes his apology is sincere. He said he has put Galliano in touch with Jewish scholars and community leaders and given him books to read.

Aubrey Plaza asked to leave MTV Movie Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Aubrey Plaza interrupted Will Ferrell's acceptance speech at the MTV Movie Awards, then left the building.

MTV officials confirmed Monday that the "Parks and Recreation" actress was asked to leave the ceremony after unexpectedly walking on stage and trying to take Ferrell's trophy as he accepted the Comedic Genius Award.

The irreverent awards show, held Sunday at Sony Pictures Studios, is known for its quirky stunts, but it's unclear whether the actress' stage-crashing move was planned.

"What's happening? Are you OK?" Ferrell asked as the actress, who had the name of her new film scrawled across her chest in pen, as she grabbed his trophy with one hand and held a drink with the other.

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This April 14, 2013 photo shows actress Aubrey Plaza, right, as she tries to take away an award presented to Will Ferrell during the MTV Movie Awards in Culver City, Calif.

He held tight to the golden popcorn and the actress returned to her seat in the front row.

"Aubrey Plaza, everyone," Ferrell continued. "Just like we rehearsed it."

Rebel Wilson hosted the ceremony and also won two awards: breakthrough performance and best musical moment for her work in "Pitch Perfect."

"The Avengers" was the night's big winner, taking three awards including movie of the year. "Silver Linings Playbook" also won three awards.

Emma Watson received the Trailblazer Award and Jamie Foxx accepted the Generation Award.

Ferrell was the inaugural recipient of the Comedic Genius Award, and he wore a three-piece suit covered in dollar bills to accept the prize.

"For those of you sitting here tonight who don't think I'm funny, I'll be happy to fight you in the parking lot after the show," he said.

No word on whether Plaza was waiting in the parking lot.

Alicia Keys campaigns for HIV education

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alicia Keys says she wants to spark a global conversation about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The Grammy Award-winning singer met with women who are part of an HIV program at United Medical Center in the nation's capital Monday to discuss their experiences with the virus, including the fear and stigma associated with the disease.

Keys, who has also traveled to Africa and India to meet with women who have HIV, said she felt connected to the women there and here because "they looked like they could be my sister, or they could be my aunt, or they could be my cousin."

And now, she said, she wants to "bridge" the gap between domestic and international conversations about the virus.

Keys is working with the Kaiser Family Foundation for "Empowered," a campaign launched last month to educate women about HIV and provide grants to community-based projects that will do that.

According to Kaiser, one in four of the 1.1 million people living with HIV in the United States are women. Women of color account for about two-thirds of new HIV infections among women.

"Black women are disproportionally affected, making up for the majority of all new infections," Keys said. "That's a must-have conversation."

The campaign includes outreach through public service ads, social media and community programs. It encourages women to learn about HIV and AIDS, talk with family and friends, protect themselves and loved ones, get tested, prevent spreading the disease and stay on treatment.

Keys is also leading the Empowered Community Grants program with Kaiser and AIDS United that will give up to $25,000 grants to community-level projects that focus on women and HIV.

"To identify those community-based organizations is a very important part of the puzzle," Keys said.

Valerie Jarrett, a White House senior advisor who has worked with Keys in the past on women and health issues, said she supports "Empowered" because it is part of President Barack Obama's vision for comprehensive health.

"You really have to have a holistic and comprehensive approach to this and what's so special about what Alicia is doing now is that it will highlight how every single person can play a role in this," Jarrett said.

The campaign is scheduled to run for five years and publish a report annually on women's experiences with HIV and AIDS and examine cultural changes regarding education, misconceptions and the stigma associated with the disease.

Keys has been an advocate for lesser served countries for more than a decade. She is co-founder of Keep a Child Alive, which provides AIDS treatment, food and other support to children and families affected by HIV and AIDS in Africa and India.

Wahlberg disgusted over Boston Marathon tragedy

NEW YORK (AP)—Mark Wahlberg was in a somber mood at the New York premiere of his new film, "Pain and Gain"— still grappling with the tragedy that struck his hometown of Boston.

Earlier Monday two bombs went off near the finish line at the Boston Marathon. Three people were killed and at least 140 were injured.

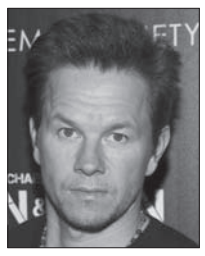
"I really didn't even want to come tonight. I hadn't really heard much—I spoke to my mom, and most of my family seems to be OK. It's such a big event, there's so many people there. It's horrible man. It's (expletive) disgusting, man. I just - I'm very upset," Wahlberg said Monday night.

"You try to put everything in God's hands and whatever happens here is out of our control and there's a bigger picture. But it's still obviously upsetting," the 41-year old actor said on the red carpet before going into the premiere hosted by The Cinema Society.

New York rapper 50 Cent was a guest at the premiere and before going inside, he expressed his dismay.

"Why is it even happening? But there's no explanation. We don't even know what happened (yet)," 50 Cent said.

He added: "When you see kids involved in it, I can't write it off. I can't say maybe (it was) karma that is why the kid was where he was."


Wahlberg

An 8-year-old boy was among those killed in Boston.

But the rapper said the tragedy doesn't make him feel less safe than usual.

"If anyone is feeling that way they have to allow themselves to accept the reality that we don't have control of our fate," he said.

Before coming to the premiere, "Nurse Jackie" star Peter Facinelli was running on his treadmill when he saw the news on television.

"My heart goes out to the families and the victims. I don't know who caused it, just like everyone else, I'm in the dark. I'm waiting to get to the bottom of it," he said at the event.

"If it was terrorism, people are going to need to know there not going to stop us," he added. "We're not going to be afraid. So for me, the best thing to do is to not hide inside. Proceed with caution but live your life."

Authorities still don't know who is responsible for the attack.

Some 23,000 runners took part in the race, which attracts more than 500,000 spectators and finishes up in the heart of central Boston, near the landmark Prudential Center and the Boston Public Library. It is held on Patriots Day, a Massachusetts state holiday which commemorates the first battles of the American Revolution in 1775.

WORST DRESSED? AP

Ke$ha arrives at the MTV Movie Awards in Sony Pictures Studio Lot in Culver City, Calif., on Sunday April 14, 2013. While many stars arrived to the MTV Movie awards dressed to impress, Ke$ha had another goal in mind–topping the worst-dressed lists. The "Tik Tok" singer paired sheer, lace bell bottoms with a black fringe vest and severe makeup, including black lipstick. She described the look as "70's Manson child" on the red carpet before Sunday's show. Ke$ha said her mother is most proud of her when the singer is criticized for her daring style choices. She said her fashion philosophy includes having fun, making mistakes, taking risks. She says: "Rock whatever you're comfortable in." And when it comes to her fashion critics, Ke$ha had two words: "Suck it." Her new documentary series, "Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life," premieres April 23 on MTV.

Connections hamper jury selection in Jackson case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The extensive connections of Michael Jackson, his family and friends became a challenge Monday for a judge trying to seat an impartial jury for his mother's wrongful death lawsuit against the company that promoted Jackson's ill-fated "This is It" concert.

As individual questioning finally began, some jury prospects who had passed the written portion of the process had to be excused because of personal connections.

Among them was David Walsh, a Canadian singer-songwriter who said he had met members of the musical Jackson family and was friends with Lisa Marie Presley, Jackson's ex-wife. He said his own manager was on the witness list.

"I've had friends in Michael's band and my best friend was a backup singer on the "This Is It" concert," Walsh said.

Walsh said he had formed opinions about the case that were probably unshakable.

Katherine Jackson's suit claims AEG endangered Jackson's life by hiring an incompetent doctor, Conrad Murray, to look after the superstar singer. AEG lawyers are expected to argue that Jackson was complicit in his own demise by insisting on hiring Murray and demanding the anesthetic propofol to help him sleep.

The latest phase of jury selection came after jurors filled out questionnaires about their views on Jackson, his family and his life and death.

A preliminary group of 104 prospects was immediately reduced by six when members reported hardships or acquaintances on the witness list.

A medical student said one of her UCLA professors was on the list, but she was allowed to remain when she said she would have no bias about the testimony.

Another panelist said she and her husband do business with one of the law firms involved in the case and that would get in the way of her impartiality.

By day's end, 17 prospects had been excused, most because the extended length of the trial would cause them financial hardships. The case is expected to last through the summer.

Murray is serving a prison term after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death from an overdose of propofol. Jackson died in his bed in June 2009 at the age of 50.

Complicating the case is the fact that neither Jackson nor AEG had signed Murray's $150,000-a-month contract. Jackson died before Murray was paid.

Katherine Jackson's lawyers contend AEG was negligent in failing to investigate Murray's qualifications before hiring him.

Faith Hill says she won't do 'SNF' theme this year

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Faith Hill is out of the football game.

Hill

The country star announced Monday morning on Twitter that she won't be doing the "Sunday Night Football" theme song this year. She's been featured at the top of the broadcast for six years now.

Hill says in her tweet it's been an honor to appear on the NBC show, but that it's time to "let someone else rock the open. Difficult decision. Kinda emotional."

"Sunday Night Football" executive producer Fred Gaudelli tweeted "great love and appreciation" to Hill for her participation over the years. He made no mention of what the show plans to do with the opening.

Rihanna cancels Houston show because of illness

NEW YORK (AP)—Rihanna has canceled another date on her latest tour because she is ill.

Live Nation says the Grammy-winning singer is unable to perform at Monday's concert in Houston "as a result of illness." The concert promoter says fans should retain their tickets to use at a rescheduled show.

Rihanna canceled shows in Baltimore and Boston on her "Diamonds World Tour" last month because she was sick.

The next date on the singer's tour is Tuesday in Dallas.

Rihanna

She's supporting her seventh album, "Unapologetic," which features the hits "Diamonds" and "Stay."

Rapper A$AP Rocky is the opening act on Rihanna's tour.

Wife's affair with cellphone leaves man feeling cheated

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 17 years. For the most part, our marriage has been great, and I love her very much. Lately, though, I have felt that our sexual and emotional intimacy has been lacking. I spoke to her about it recently and tried to explain how I feel. She has responded, and things are improving.

Still, she spends most of her time on her cellphone checking email, Facebook, Pinterest and watching Netflix. At bedtime, she stays on her phone or laptop until after I have gone to bed. When she comes to bed, she ignores me and goes straight to sleep, even if I have been lying there awake in the dark waiting for her.

Has she fallen in love with her cellphone? Even if we don't have sex all the time, I would just like to be able to talk to her or hold her for a minute before we go to sleep. Any suggestions other than throwing her phone out the window?

ABANDONED HUSBAND IN UTAH

DEAR ABANDONED: You say your wife has responded and things are hopeful. That means she is at least receptive to working on your marital relationship.

The problems that cellphones cause in relationships is something I am hearing about with increasing frequency. People have become so dependent upon their digital companions that in some cases it's impossible to turn them off because people have become literally addicted.

In cases like this, a licensed therapist should be consulted. Of course, like any addiction the sufferer must be willing to admit there is a problem and want to do something about it. I wish there was a 12-step program to which I could refer you, but I was unable to locate one. In the future I'm willing to bet that they'll sprout up like mushrooms.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, I realized I had a drinking problem and decided to go through a chemical dependence program as an outpatient. I'm sober now and attend meetings a few times a week. My problem is someone I was barely acquainted with was also in the same program. I didn't regard it as a problem at first, but now I'm concerned.

At a meeting a few months ago, I mentioned to the group that I also attend a meeting in another town closer to my home. Next thing I know, this man is attending the same meeting. He always makes a point of telling me about what's going on with the people we went through treatment with.

I am active in service work and plan to attend a regional meeting at a resort over a weekend. Guess who has suddenly decided to do the same?

I'm nervous about being around this man. I don't want to compromise his sobriety, but I can't stand seeing him at every meeting and event I attend. My husband is also bothered by it, and I'm considering not attending any meetings at all because he's creeping me out. How should I handle this?

SOBER AND CREEPED OUT

DEAR CREEPED OUT: If there is a group moderator or contact, discuss this with that person. Because you want less contact with your "admirer," look around for another group. Even if you will have to travel a bit farther, it will be worth the effort.

If you do happen to run into him in the future and he tries to engage you in conversation about other patients from your program, cut the conversation short by telling him you are not interested in hearing about them. One of the hallmarks of 12-step programs is anonymity—and it should be respected.

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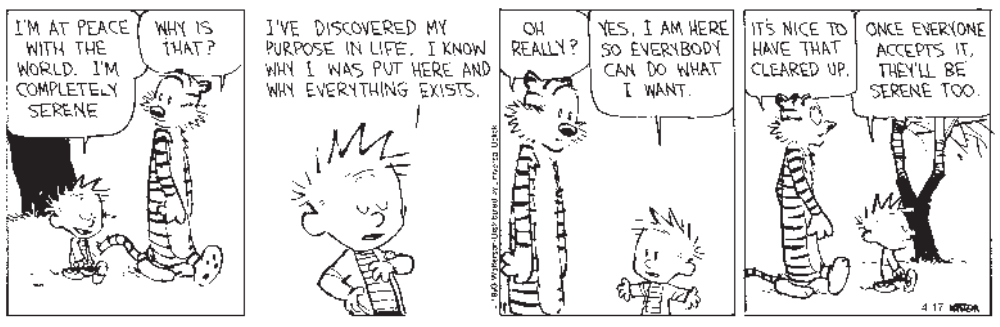
What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I'M AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD. I'M COMPLETELY SERENE
WHY IS THAT?
I'VE DISCOVERED MY PURPOSE IN LIFE. I KNOW WHY I WAS PUT HERE AND WHY EVERYTHING EXISTS.
OH REALLY?
YES, I AM HERE SO EVERYBODY CAN DO WHAT I WANT.
IT'S NICE TO HAVE THAT CLEARED UP.
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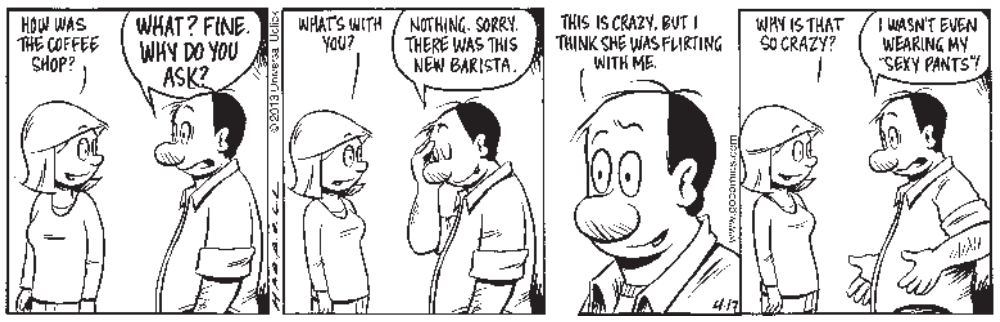
HOW WAS THE COFFEE SHOP?
WHAT? FINE. WHY DO YOU ASK?
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
NOTHING. SORRY. THERE WAS THIS NEW BARISTA.
THIS IS CRAZY. BUT I THINK SHE WAS FLIRTING WITH ME.
WHY IS THAT SO CRAZY?
I WASN'T EVEN WEARING MY "SEXY PANTS"!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Lord of the Rings" actor Ian
5 Spigot
8 Jet forth
12 Cruising
13 Court
14 Baserunner's goal
15 Locale for a 1920s "sitting" fad
17 Settled down
18 Kingdom near Fiji
19 Creators
21 "Carmina Burana" composer
24 Directory data (Abbr.)
25 Humorous utterance
28 Temporary gift
30 Scot's hat
33 Illustrations
34 Flower of New Mexico
35 "I — Camera"
36 Lingerie item
37 Physical
38 Vivacity, in music
39 Genetic letters
41 Ogler's look
43 Jungle expedition
46 Romantic dance
50 Send out
51 Worm holder
54 Leftovers
55 To and —
56 Writer Angelou
57 Wan
58 Evergreen type
59 Horse-drawn carriage

DOWN
1 Sword handle
2 Norway's capital
3 Slender
4 Housefly larva
5 Pair
6 "You've got mail" co.
7 Verse
8 Drum major's hat
9 Directing principle
10 Eastern potentate
11 Drenches
16 Standard
20 Pavlova or Paquin
22 Change
23 Central
25 Poke
26 Blunder
27 Beachcomber's find
29 Top
31 Parisian pal
32 Name in China's history
34 Calendar quota
38 Lullaby composer
40 Smartly dressed
42 Biblical verb suffix
43 Antitoxins
44 Iowa city
45 Dubious
47 Ark builder
48 "The Naked Maja" artist
49 Suitable
52 Anger
53 Piglet's mom

Solution time: 21 mins.

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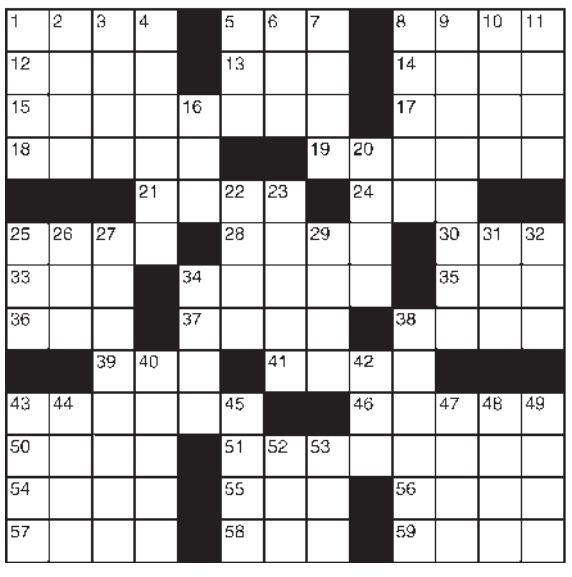
Yesterday's answer 4-17



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Happy Birthday: Taking responsibility will enhance your reputation as well as help you build a tighter relationship with the people in your life who count. Don't be afraid to express your emotions or change your mind should someone or something disappoint you. Look out for your interests and use your creative imagination and you will excel. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 27, 35, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Money will come and go due to temptations that keep you cash-poor. Acquiring financial information will make it easier to budget for your future. Rely on experts. Take control by creating a lifestyle that fits your budget. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): An acquaintance will help you find a solution. You mustn't offer too much information in the meantime. A third party will make the difference when it comes to the outcome of a personal situation you face. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Put your skills and talent to work for you. The more you offer that is unique and timely, the better equipped you will be to weather the changing economic climate. A backup plan will put your mind at ease. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't trust anyone making rash changes or using force or pressure to get ahead. Your emotions will be difficult to control, leaving you in a vulnerable position if someone criticizes your actions. Get your facts and figures straight. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Communication will be your strong point. Speak up and you will grab the attention of someone able to help you make the changes you are suggesting. Take physical and mental strides to reach your goals. People you have worked with in the past will be valuable to you now. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Be responsible. The decisions you make now will have an impact on the people you care about. Take an unusual approach to finding solutions. Partnerships are highlighted and networking functions should be attended. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take care of your personal needs first. A partnership may try your patience but should be handled with caution to avoid ongoing problems. Look at the big picture before you decide to make a move that could jeopardize your reputation. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Keep the creative journey you desire afloat. Putting in extra time and effort and getting together with people striving to reach similar goals will give you a renewed vision and greater clarity as to how you should proceed. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Keep your money in a safe place. Temptation will be costly. Spend more time utilizing the things you already have instead of buying something new. A good idea can help you make your space more inspirational. Take on a physical challenge. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Concentrate on what you can do without being taken for granted. Offering too much will lead to dissatisfaction and anger. Make a commitment, but only if you feel you are entering into an arrangement that offers enough in return. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Utilize the skills, knowledge and talent you have mastered and you will come up with an idea, service or product that can help you bring in extra cash. Work on self-esteem as well as moving forward with decisions that will improve your current situation. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Initiate something that you feel passionate about doing. Helping a cause or finding a new way to present an old idea will bring about a new opportunity. Romance will help ease your stress and clear your head. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charming, unique and disciplined. You are popular and responsible.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	9	6				4	3	
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/17

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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1	4	8	7	2	9	6	3	5
3	6	9	5	1	4	7	2	8
9	2	1	3	7	8	4	5	6
4	8	3	1	6	5	2	7	9
6	5	7	4	9	2	1	8	3

Difficulty Level ★★ 4/16

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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A	O	H	T	R	T	M	A	N	U	E	T	R	U	P
N	V	S	E	A	Y	A	I	R	C	N	T	U	G	A
C	E	T	R	H	U	L	C	N	I	O	E	P	R	R
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- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
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LeBron sits as Heat down Cavs, 96-95

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James watched from the bench in street clothes as Norris Cole stripped Kyrie Irving of the ball with 2.2 seconds left to give the Miami Heat, resting most of their top players for the playoffs, a 96-95 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night.

Cole finished with 18 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. But it was his only steal on Cleveland's final possession that sealed it.

James was disappointed to not play in another homecoming game against his former team, but he appreciated coach Erik Spoelstra's desire to get the NBA champions as healthy and refreshed as possible heading into the postseason. Chris Bosh and Mario Chalmers joined James on the bench while Dwyane Wade, Shane Battier and Udonis Haslem stayed back in Miami with minor injuries.

Rashard Lewis scored 19 points and James Jones had 14 for the Heat Light.

Irving and Tristan Thompson scored 16 apiece for the Cavs, who have lost five straight, 15 of 17 and may soon relieve Byron Scott of his coaching duties.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving, left, is defended by Miami Heat's Norris Cole in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Monday, April 15, 2013, in Cleveland.

Thunder 104, Kings 95

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant scored 29 points, Russell Westbrook had 21 before getting ejected in the final 3 minutes and the Oklahoma City Thunder clinched the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs by beating the Sacramento Kings.

Tyreke Evans, the Kings' second-leading scorer, did not return after grabbing at his troublesome left knee following a drive to the basket late in the first quarter.

Durant hit a 3-pointer and Westbrook set up Serge Ibaka for a two-handed slam during a string of 11 straight Thunder points midway through the third quarter that stretched the lead to 75-51.

Isaiah Thomas led the Kings with 16 points, Travis Outlaw scored 15 and Cole Aldrich had a double-double for the second straight game by tying his career best with 12 points and setting a career high with 13 rebounds.

Nuggets 112, Bucks 111

In Milwaukee, Ty Lawson scored 26 points, including a jumper in the lane with 9.3 seconds left, and the Denver Nuggets clinched home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs with a win over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Wilson Chandler added 21 points for the Nuggets, who can secure the No. 3 seed in the West with one more victory or two losses by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Milwaukee lost its season-high fifth game in a row despite Monta Ellis scoring 38 points, one shy of his season high.

Pistons 109, 76ers 101

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Greg Monroe had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons made the most of their home finale by beating the Philadelphia 76ers.

For both teams, the game was overshadowed by uncertainty off the court. Doug Collins is on his way out as Philadelphia's coach, and Pistons owner Tom Gores remained noncommittal before the game on the status of team president Joe Dumars and coach Lawrence Frank.

A person familiar with the situation has told The Associated Press that Collins and the Sixers are trying to resolve their future relationship after the coach told them he would not return for a fourth season.

Dorell Wright had 22 points, eight rebounds and six assists for the 76ers.

Jazz 96, Timberwolves 80

In Minneapolis, Al Jefferson had 22 points and eight rebounds to help Utah keep its playoff hopes alive with a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Mo Williams had 15 points and seven assists for the Jazz, who needed a win to avoid being eliminated in the Western Conference playoff race.

The Jazz need to win at Memphis on Wednesday and for the Los Angeles Lakers to lose at home against Houston that night to get into the playoffs. They own the tiebreaker after beating the Lakers two out of three times this season.

Derrick Williams had 18 points and six rebounds for the Timberwolves, who were missing center Nikola Pekovic with a bruised left calf.

Grizzlies 103, Mavericks 97

In Dallas, Keyon Dooling scored 13 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer before consecutive baskets by Ed Davis, and the Memphis Grizzlies rallied to keep alive their chance of hosting a first-round playoff series.

Jerryd Bayless had 19 points and the Grizzlies' bench accounted for 64 points — all 35 in the decisive fourth quarter. Dooling, who signed April 3 as a free agent, had only 12 points combined his first five games.

Clean-shaven Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and Vince Carter 22 for the Mavs, who had finally reached .500 for the first time since Dec. 12 with a win at New Orleans on Sunday night. They had vowed not to shave until reaching .500 — though it lasted only one night.

Bulls 102, Magic 84

In Orlando, Florida, Carlos Boozer scored 22 points, Luol Deng added 18 and the Chicago Bulls snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory over the Orlando Magic.

The win, which was the Bulls' fifth straight over the Magic, also keeps alive their hopes of catching of Atlanta for the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference. They conclude their regular-season schedule at home Wednesday against Washington. Chicago needs to win that game and for Atlanta to split or lose their final two.

Tobias Harris led Orlando with 20 points, followed by Nik Vucevic with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

The Magic finish just 12-29 at home, their fewest victories in Orlando since they were 11-30 during the 2003-04. Orlando wraps up its schedule Wednesday in Miami.

Bobcats 106, Knicks 95

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Gerald Henderson scored 27 points, Kemba Walker had 23 points and a career-high 13 assists and the Charlotte Bobcats defeated a New York Knicks team playing without Carmelo Anthony and a few others.

The victory was the second straight for the Bobcats, who pulled into a tie with Orlando for the worst record in the league.

The Knicks played only seven players, resting Anthony and others after wrapping up the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Tyson Chandler, J.R. Smith, Raymond Felton, Amar'e Stoudemire, Marcus Camby and Kenyon Martin also did not play.

Chris Copeland led the Knicks with 32 points, shooting 4 of 8 from 3-point range.

Nets 106, Wizards 101

In New York, Andray Blatche led a bevy of Brooklyn bench players with 20 points and 11 rebounds the Nets erased an early 17-point deficit to beat the Washington Wizards.

Kris Humphries, who was the team's original starting power forward at the beginning of the season before falling out of the rotation, added 20 points and nine boards for Brooklyn. Mirza Teletovic added 14 points and MarShon Brooks chipped in 12 for the Nets, who will host Detroit on Wednesday night before they open up at home in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Nets reserve rookie Toko Shengelia, who has played 67 minutes all season, saw 25 minutes and finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

John Wall led Washington, which lost its fifth straight, with 18 points and 12 assists.

Suns 119, Rockets 112

In Phoenix, Luis Scola had 26 points and 15 rebounds, Goran Dragic added 21 points and 14 assists and Phoenix snapped a franchise-record seven-game home losing streak with a victory over the Houston Rockets in the Suns' final home game of the season.

Markieff Morris had 20 points and had career highs of six blocked shots and five steals for the Suns, who despite the victory finished with the second-worst home record in club history.

Carlos Delfino scored 22, including 6 of 9 3-pointers, and Jeremy Lin 20 for the Rockets, whose loss was a blow in their bid for the No. 6 playoff spot in the West.

Warriors 116, Spurs 106

In Oakland, California, Stephen Curry made seven 3-pointers to finish with 35 points, leading the Golden State Warriors past the severely short-handed San Antonio Spurs.

Curry shot 7 of 13 from beyond the arc to move within one of Ray Allen's single-season record of 269 3-pointers set in 2005-06 with Seattle. Curry added eight rebounds and five assists to help the Warriors pull away late and move a game ahead of Houston for the Western Conference's sixth seed.

Gary Neal had 25 points and five assists and Patty Mills scored 23 points for the Spurs, who rested their key starters a night after losing 91-86 loss at the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bruins, Celtics affected, security up after bombs

A few hours after the Boston Marathon bombings, and more than 1,000 miles away, a police officer with a German shepherd patrolled near an entrance to the baseball stadium where Miami hosted Washington on Monday evening—an unusual sight at Marlins Park.

Inside, on the field, two Marlins officials gave a security supervisor a briefing about the ballpark's layout.

"We are taking additional precautions and have intensified our security efforts in and around the ballpark to ensure everyone's safety," Marlins spokesman P.J. Loyello said.

The postponement of Monday night's NHL game between the Bruins and Ottawa Senators, and the cancellation of Tuesday's NBA game between the Celtics and Indiana Pacers—both events to be held in Boston—were the most tangible reactions by sports officials to the explosions at the marathon finish line that killed at least three people and injured more than 140 others.

A makeup date for Bruins-Senators was not announced; no other events from top professional leagues around the country were immediately called off.

Still, other effects of the explosions could be seen quickly, such as bomb-sniffing dogs sweeping the arena before the doors opened for an NHL game in Nashville between the Predators and Canucks, and armed police officers posted in front of each dugout at the Padres-Dodgers baseball game in Los Angeles.

Fans heading into the NBA game between the Washington Wizards and Brooklyn Nets in New York waited in long lines as arena security used wands to check people and thoroughly searched bags. A short video clip about what happened in Boston aired on the arena's video screen and a moment of silence was held.

"I got a memo ... from one of our security guys. ... `Hey you know we're a major event in a big building in a big city. So keep your eyes and your ears open. If you see something let us know,'" Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said.

"Without a question, you're thinking we're also" a possible target, Carlesimo added.

Hour after Red Sox win, explosion at marathon

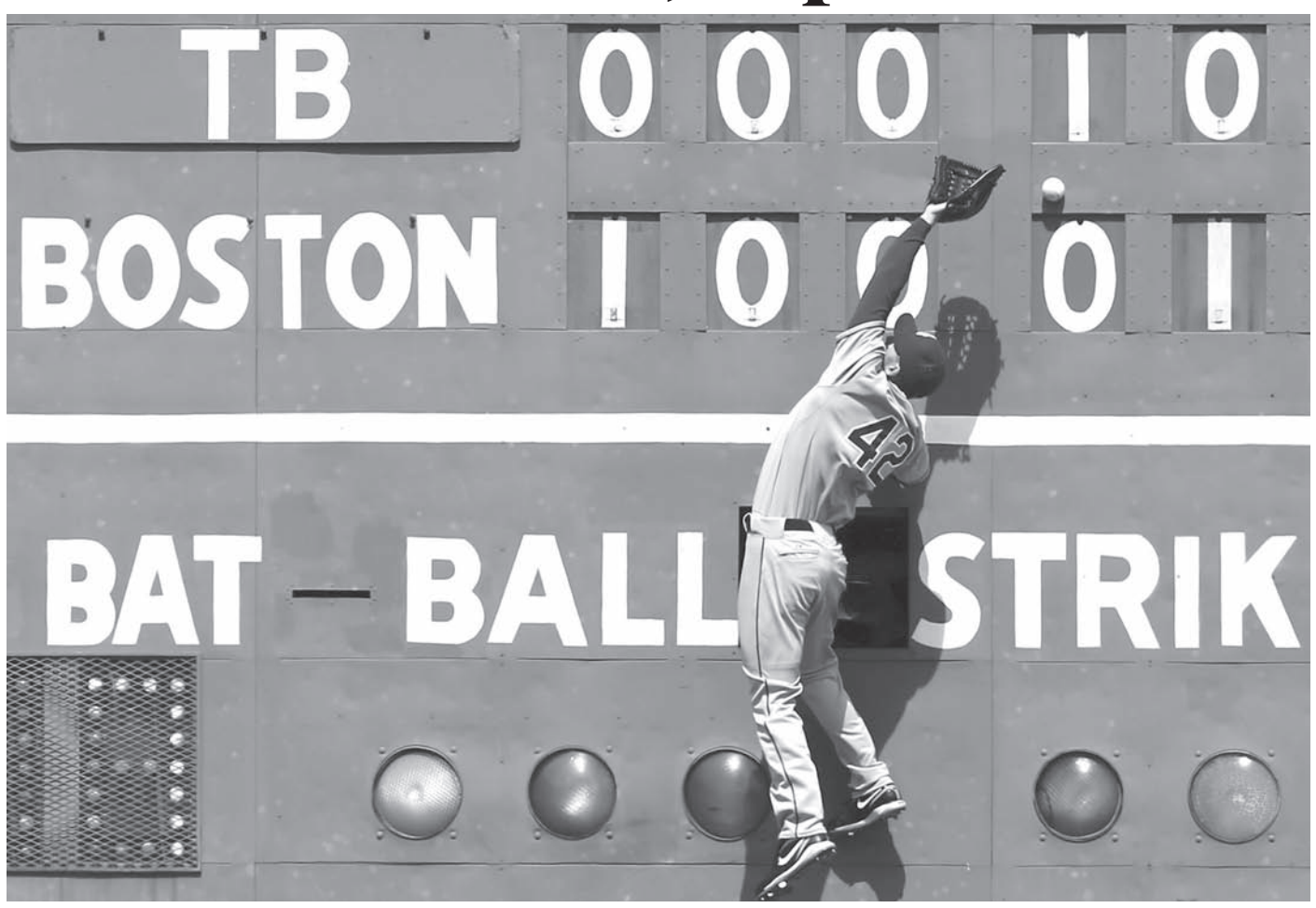
BOSTON (AP)—The Red Sox and Rays were making their way out of Fenway Park when two explosions near the finish line of the Boston Marathon were heard at the stadium.

The Red Sox beat the Rays 3-2 on an RBI double by Mike Napoli in the ninth inning Monday in Boston's traditional Patriots Day morning game.

The game began at 11:05 a.m. and ended at about 10 minutes after 2 p.m. A little less than an hour after that, about a mile away, the explosions from Copley Square could be heard by those in and around Fenway—but not in the clubhouses where the teams were getting ready to leave.

The game sent the Red Sox fans home happy—at least for a while.

With the score tied at 2, Napoli drove a line-drive double off the left-field wall that scored Dustin Pedroia from first base.



AP

Tampa Bay Rays left fielder Matt Joyce can't get to a double off the wall by Boston Red Sox's Stephen Drew during the fifth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Monday, April 15, 2013.

Blue Jays 4, White Sox 3

In Toronto, Mark Buehrle pitched in and out of trouble into the seventh inning to beat his former team, J.P. Arencibia and Maicer Izturis hit solo homers and the Blue Jays topped the Chicago White Sox.

Buehrle (1-0) went 6 1-3 innings in his first career start against the White Sox, allowing two runs and nine hits. The left-hander walked two and struck out three.

Right-hander Gavin Floyd (0-3) remained winless as the slumping White Sox lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Twins 8, Angels 2

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer had a home run among his four hits and drove in three runs for the Minnesota Twins in an victory over the Angels on a cold, windy night that helped send several fly balls to the deepest parts of Target Field.

Kevin Correia (1-1) earned his first American League win after finishing seven innings for the third time in as many starts with the Twins, getting two double-play grounders to help him limit the Angels to solo home runs by Peter Bourjos and former Twins utility infielder Brendan Harris.

Angels starter Joe Blanton (0-3) was battered again for nine hits, one walk and four runs in 4 2-3 innings. Mauer doubled and scored in the first and led off the fifth inning with a homer to left-center. Trevor Plouffe also went deep off Blanton, and Justin Morneau drove in a run with a double.

Athletics 11, Astros 2

In Oakland, California, Jed Lowrie drove in four runs and Tommy Milone won his third straight start as Oakland beat Houston.

Nate Freiman added a three-run homer and Brandon Moss had three RBIs for the A's. Oakland also benefited from eight walks—four in the first inning by Houston starter Erik Bedard.

Carlos Pena had two hits for the Astros, who have lost three straight following a three-game winning streak.

Milone (3-0) had a season-high six strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings and didn't walk a batter for the eighth time in his career. The left-hander has won five straight decisions dating to last season.

The A's scored six runs on two hits in the first inning to chase Bedard (0-1), sharp in his first two outings this season. He walked Oakland's first three batters and watched his perfect ERA jump to 7.04.

Reds 4, Phillies 2

In Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips drove in a pair of runs with a bases-loaded single in the eighth inning and the Cincinnati Reds ended their five-game losing streak by beating the Philadelphia Phillies.

Cincinnati's five-game slide matched its longest slump from last season, when it won the NL Central.

The Reds still didn't hit much, but left-hander Cliff Lee helped them by letting in a run on a wild pitch in the seventh. Todd Frazier followed with a sacrifice fly for a 2-0 lead.

Bronson Arroyo (2-1) gave up pinch-hitter Chase Utley's two-run homer in the eighth, but Cincinnati rallied against the Philadelphia bullpen. The Reds loaded the bases against Jeremy Horst (0-1), and Phillips singled off Mike Adams to break the tie.

Aroldis Chapman retired all three batters he faced in the ninth for his third save in three tries. He threw 100 mph fastballs to Jimmy Rollins and Ryan Howard while fanning them to end it.

Phillies center fielder Ben Revere made a spectacular diving catch of Frazier's fly to the edge of the warning track. Revere also banged into the outfield wall to catch Ryan Hanigan's fly.

Cardinals 10, Pirates 6

In Pittsburgh, Jon Jay and Matt Holliday each had two hits and two RBIs as St. Louis jumped on Pittsburgh early.

Allen Craig doubled and drove in three runs for the Cardinals, who knocked around James McDonald (1-2) with a seven-run second inning. McDonald gave up eight runs, three earned, and walked two in 1 1-3 innings, the shortest start of his career.

Lance Lynn (2-0) labored through five innings to get the win.

Starling Marte had three hits and Neil Walker homered for the Pirates, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Nationals 10, Marlins 3

In Miami, Jordan Zimmermann pitched a six-hitter for his third victory of the season and Washington bounced back from a humbling weekend to beat Miami.

Ryan Zimmerman hit his first home run and had four RBIs to lead a 16-hit outburst. Zimmermann (3-0) struck out six, walked one and threw 102 pitches in his second career complete game.

The Nationals were outscored 18-5 while being swept in a three-game series at home against Atlanta. They took out any lingering frustration on the Marlins (2-11), who came into the game tied for the worst record in the majors.

The Nationals had six extra-base hits, including doubles on three consecutive pitches. Ian Desmond had four hits, including a pair of doubles. Tyler Moore drove in three runs.

Washington scored four runs in the first inning, when its first six batters reached against Wade LeBlanc (0-3).

Griner No. 1 pick by Phoenix Mercury in WNBA Draft

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP)—Brittney Griner left an indelible mark on women's college basketball. Now she's ready to take on the pros.

The Phoenix Mercury took Baylor's star center with the top pick in the WNBA draft Monday night. Despite knowing she was going first, the two-time AP Player of the Year admitted she was extremely nervous.

"It's a dream come true, I'm like a little kid in Disney World the first time meeting all the characters," Griner said. "Sitting at the table they said 15 seconds and my heart started beating so fast. I was grabbing the tablecloth underneath."

The 6-foot-8 phenom finished as the second all-time scorer in women's NCAA history, with 3,283 points. She is the top shot-blocker ever, shattering both the men's and women's college marks with 748. She also had a record 18 dunks—including 11 this season.

WNBA president Laurel Richie opened the draft offering the league's thoughts and prayers to those affected by the bombings in Boston. She said earlier in the evening that the WNBA had discussions whether to hold the draft, deciding to go ahead with it.

And then soon after the draft started she announced Griner as the first choice.

Griner joins a very talented Mercury squad that was plagued by injuries most of last season. Star Diana Taurasi played in only eight games and Penny Taylor missed the entire year while recovering from an ACL injury. Candice Dupree also missed 21 games because of a knee injury.

"I'm ready to get there and ready to learn from (Taurasi)," Griner said. "I got to play with her a little bit at USA Basketball. I'm ready to feed off her and give all I can to the Phoenix Mercury.

Phoenix had the second-worst record and a 28 percent chance of getting the first pick. Washington, which had the worst record in the league picked fourth.

"We have a team of All-Stars already," Phoenix Mercury president Amber Cox said. "To add her to the mix solidifies us for a long time. When Phoenix comes to town it will be must see basketball."

The Mercury have had the first pick in the draft two other times, including 2004 when they drafted Taurasi.

It was an eventful day for Griner. Not only was she the top pick, but she bumped into her skateboarding idol Tony Hawk, who was also at ESPN.

"Getting drafted being the No. 1 overall pick that was above it, but Tony's right there at No. 2," Griner said.

Like Phoenix, Chicago added a budding star in Elena Delle Donne with the No. 2 pick to an already stacked roster that just missed making the playoff last season. The 6-foot-5 forward, who can play multiple positions was second in the nation in scoring (26.0) and averaged 8.5 rebounds. She finished her career at Delaware with 3,039 career points—fifth all-time in NCAA history.

"This is a phenomenal team I'm joining, mentors who will help me out along the way," Delle Donne said. "I'll learn a ton from these players. We definitely have a great team. I felt I was a good puzzle piece for this team. You don't say where you want to go before it was happening, but Chicago was my pick and I wanted to go there really badly."

Tulsa took Notre Dame guard Skylar Diggins with the third pick. Diggins averaged 17.1 points, 6.1 assists and 3.1 steals while helping the Irish reach the Final Four the past three seasons.

"When I entered Notre Dame we had lost in the first round of the tournament the year before," Diggins said. "At the end of my career we had brought the program back to an elite level. I'm looking forward to get to Tulsa and show my leadership skills and do whatever coach Klopp wants me to do."

While the first three picks were almost a lock, the rest of the draft was a bit more of a mystery with no clear-cut choices going in.

Washington took Ohio State guard Tayler Hill fourth.

"I didn't know for sure," Hill said. "I talked to a few WNBA coaches. I talked to coach Thibault a few times and he was excited about me. I'm excited, really a feeling you can't explain."

The New York Liberty and new coach Bill Laimbeer took Texas A&M's Kelsey Bone fifth and then two picks later drafted Oklahoma State's Toni Young. Seattle, which will be without Lauren Jackson and Sue Bird this season because of injuries took Maryland's Tianna Hawkins in between the Liberty picks.

San Antonio took Syracuse center Kayla Alexander eighth, Cal's Layshia Clarendon went ninth to Indiana. Los Angeles took Kentucky's A'dia Mathies 10th. Connecticut drafted UConn forward Kelly Faris 11th and Minnesota closed out the first round picking Nebraska's Lindsey Moore.

"There's no question that this draft class has potential to be a moment in time and we'll look back 10, 20 years and remember that class that came in with Brittney, Skylar and Elena," Richie said. "Having spent the last two days with a couple of the other prospects there are a couple surprise in there too."

This was the first season that the draft was televised in primetime.

Training camps open May 5, with the league's 17th season set to being on May 24.

Fallen Donaire vows to 'come back and do better'

BOXING

MANILA, Philippines—Like the other fallen boxing champions before him, Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire Jr. vowed Sunday a comeback.

Shortly after losing his WBO super bantamweight title to Cuban Guillermo Rigondeaux by unanimous decision on Sunday (Manila time), Donaire took his thoughts to Twitter.

"I just want to thank God for keeping me safe, my guardian angels for protecting me, my Team for standing behind me, and my fans for their support," he said in a tweet (@FilipinoFlash).

"I tried to give my all and push the fight but we'll be back. I'll come back and do better," he added. "For now, I congratulate Rigondeaux."

AP

Nonito Donaire has his eye checked after losing a junior featherweight title boxing match against Guillermo Rigondeaux at Radio City Music Hall in New York Sunday, April 14, 2013. Rigondeaux won a unanimous twelve round decision.

Donaire managed to rock the former two-time Olympic gold medalist, sending him to the canvas in the 10th round—the only knockdown of the fight. But Rigondeaux was able to recover quickly.

The judges all scored in favor of Rigondeaux, 114-113, 115-112, 116-111, paving way for the WBO/WBA super bantamweight division unification.

The Filipino champion, who protected his swollen right eye in the 12th round, saw his 12-year, 30-fight winning streak halted. ***(PDI)***

FIELDERS

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running Tan Holdings Brewers (7-2). Defending champions Saipan Stevedore Yankees still lead the five-team field with their 8-1 card, while the Angels are in fourth place with a 2-8 slate.

A punishing 15-run top of the sixth sealed the doom for the Angels, who used three different pitchers in that frame, hoping to end the team's agony. Before the Fielders' rally, the Angels were still in the game after five complete inning, down by only three, 10-7. Then at the top of the sixth, starting pitcher Franco Flores struck out the Fielders' leadoff batter, but went on to allow four hits and eight runs before Manny Cabrera relieved him.

Cabrera did not fair well either against the hot Fielders' batters, who had three more hits and scored four more runs. Shortstop John Reyes had seen enough and went on to take the job at the mound. He got the second out, striking out Cadez Tenorio, but later gave up a few more hits and the Fielders logged three more runs before Reyes had another strike to end the Angels' suffering.

While it took the Angels' almost an hour to stop the Fielders' rampage, the latter finished the job in less than 10 minutes, as the former were down after only four batters. Leadoff batter Juan Tenorio was beaten to second base after making a single, while Peter Lieto was also out on second. Third batter Kevin Villagomez walked, but was left stranded at first after relief pitcher Joe Palacios struck out John Reyes.

The Fielders also failed to score in the top of the seventh, but that did not change the outcome of the game, as the Angels threw in the towel after only their first three trips at the dish at the bottom of the last inning. Leadoff batter Glenn Palacios was beaten to first with second baseman Marvin Ngeskebei picking up a grounder and throwing to Shane Mendiola. Nunu Kapileo also hit a grounder and third baseman Cadez Tenorio was quick for the pick-up for the throw to Ngeskebei. Closer Jimmy Brel then ended the match, recovering Ben Flores' grounder and throwing to first base for the third out.

Jordan Pangelinan led the Fielders' offense with his three runs and 4-for-6 performance at the plated. He scored three singles and one double and had three RBIs. Mendiola also had three runs, was 4-for-6 at bat, and added two RBIs.

CNMI

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ed well and have been showing chemistry for the past few months. They are very fit and maintain a positive attitude as we head to China," Noetzel said.

Lee, Noetzel, and Angeles leave ahead of the team, as the three officials fly to Beijing today, while other officials Derek Chambers and Gary Ramsey will join the CNMI strikers' trip to China tomorrow.

In China, the Commonwealth bets will collide against the host, Guam, Chinese-Taipei, and South Korea for the Group G qualifier. The CNMI strikers will debut against Korea on April 20, face Chinese-Taipei on April 23, meet Guam on April 25, and challenge China on April 26.

Seven other groups divided into four zones will have their respective qualifiers and only the Top 2 teams from each zone will advance to the AFC U-14 Championship 2014 Finals.

This will be the first time that the CNMI will compete in an AFC qualifier for the U14 age group and Noetzel said it is a big boost to NMIFA' youth program.

"This is an opportunity to gain experience in playing against competitive teams in AFC. We want our your players to compete in as many AFC tournaments as possible, so they will continue to get experience and improve their skills. By the time, they have several AFC or off-island competition experience under their belt, they will be very much ready to suit up for our National Team," Noetzel said.

Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Maggie Sablan echoed Noetzel's opinion, saying that the CNMI youth strikers should capitalize on the opportunity to play in a competitive level.

"During our time, we did not get this kind of opportunity. So be proud of yourselves and take on the challenge. Make the CNMI proud," said Sablan, who led the turnover of team jackets donated by the foundation to the Commonwealth youth strikers.

LOPSIDED

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two and a half innings.

Leonardo Salalila and Larsong Sibetang converted two home runs apiece to power the Survivors to the blowout win. They also combined for three RBIs with Salalila leading off for the Survivors and making a solo homer and Sibetang making a two-run homer also in the first inning. The Survivors went on to collect 10 runs in the first inning to control the match early, as the Rangers scored only one run at the top with Jared Iteman reaching home plate off a fielder's choice.

The Rangers also got only one run in the second inning off Jaymadee Ruluked's run, but that was not enough to bring them back into the game and avoid an early decision, as the Survivors answered with 13 runs. Salalila converted a two-run homer at right field, while Sibetang did the same this time, dropping the ball at centerfield, and the rest of their teammates took turns rounding the bases to pad the lead.

The one-sided game ended right at the top of the third with the Rangers managing only to reach third base after Survivors pitcher Glenn Taro. struck out Keith Aldan, who came up with an empty swing for the last out.

Taro recorded six strikeouts in three innings and also made two RBIs to help the Survivors end their three-game losing skid. The Rangers remained on a slump with their 0-10 slate.

Ol'Aces 20, Comets II 13

Go See Mark Ol'Aces defeated the Comets in the third and final game last Sunday.

With the game tied at 2-all after two complete innings, the Ol'Aces gained control of the match in the next two innings after earning 14 runs against the 11 of the Comets II. The Ol'Aces then kept the lead and the win after adding four more runs against none from the Comets II in the last two innings.

Jordan Kosam led the Ol'Aces (6-4) with his two homers and seven RBIs. He went 4-for-5 at bat and. Kosam had a two-run homer at left field at the top of the third and recorded a solo homer at the top of the fourth.

The Ol'Aces went 20-for-36 at bat and made 15 hits, while the Comets II were 13-for-25 and only had three hits.

Enforcers 9, Jets 1

In the curtain-raiser, the JPO Enforcers (6-4) grounded the Juan Tenorio Jets (1-8).

Pitching leader Shakobe Rangamar pitched in 5.1 innings, allowed only four hits and one run, while striking out 10 to lift the Enforcers to their sixth win.

On offense, the Enforcers leaned on Lloyd Tarope who made a two-run homer at the bottom of the first and went on to score three RBIs. Rico Lizama added two RBIs and the rest of the Enforcers' runs were scored of the Jets' erratic plays.

40 AGERS

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went on to run out of time for an attempt from the left baseline.

It was a come-from-behind win for 40 Agers, who entered the fourth canto down by 8 points, 49-57, after scoring only 8 points in the third period. Fernandez teamed up with Ernie Moises in bringing the 40 Agers, as they combined for 16 points in the final canto with the former scoring the team's last three points and the latter nailing 9 of his team-high 15 points in the fourth frame.

Two other 40 Agers players scored in double figures with Tony Diaz adding 14 and Junar Guiab chipping in 10. Berline led all scorers with his 26 markers, but he was held to only two field goals in the fourth canto after dominating the paint in the first three quarters. Ray Lizama contributed 13.

JOS/Erika's 78, Saipan TV 75

In another 40A match, JOS/Erika's Catering edged Saipan TV.

JOS/Erika's Catering was right on the money in the first quarter, building a double-digit lead, 24-12, and it never looked back.

The trio of Sonny Ebuen, Martin Moreno, and Alex Ocampo teamed up in JOS/Erika's Catering's strong start. Ocampo and Ebuen had 7 points apiece, while Moreno scored 6. Moreno went on to top-score for JOS/Erika's Catering with his 21 points, while Ocampo had 17, and James Abuy came off the bench and added 10.

Amor Casabuena paced Saipan TV with his 17 markers.

First Game

JOS/Erika's Catering 78 – Moreno 21, Ocampo 17, Abuy 10, S. Ebuen 9, De Jesus 4, O. Ebuen 3, Tobias 2, Montano 2.

Saipan TV 75 – Casabuena 17, Guiang 15, Rodriguez 8, Tengco 9, Ortega 6, Montes 6, Mariano 5, De Leon 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-12, 42-33, 63-48, 78-75.

Second Game

40 Agers 76 – Moises 15, Fernandez 14, Diaz 14, Guiab 13, Pablo 7, Villegas 6, Tamondong 3, Valencia 2.

Typhoon/Triple J Motors 74 – Berline 26, Lizama 13, Galulu 10, Capuyon 5, Palacios 4, Gabaldon 3, Park 3.

Scoring by quarters: 24-21, 41-39, 57-49, 76-74.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	53	28	.654	_
x-Brooklyn	48	33	.593	5
x-Boston	41	39	.513	11 1/2
Philadelphia	33	48	.407	20
Toronto	32	48	.400	20 1/2

Southeast Division

z-Miami	65	16	.802	_
x-Atlanta	44	36	.550	20 1/2
Washington	29	52	.358	36
Charlotte	20	61	.247	45
Orlando	20	61	.247	45

Central Division

y-Indiana	49	31	.613	_
x-Chicago	44	37	.543	5 1/2
x-Milwaukee	37	44	.457	12 1/2
Detroit	29	52	.358	20 1/2
Cleveland	24	57	.296	25 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

y-San Antonio	58	23	.716	_
x-Memphis	55	26	.679	3
x-Houston	45	36	.556	13
Dallas	40	41	.494	18
New Orleans	27	54	.333	31

Northwest Division

z-Oklahoma City	60	21	.741	_
x-Denver	56	25	.691	4
Utah	43	38	.531	17
Portland	33	47	.413	26 1/2
Minnesota	30	51	.370	30

Pacific Division

y-L.A. Clippers	54	26	.675	_
x-Golden State	46	35	.568	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	44	37	.543	10 1/2
Sacramento	28	53	.346	26 1/2
Phoenix	25	56	.309	29 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, NYK	67	669	425	1920	28.7
Durant, OKC	80	721	673	2251	28.1
Bryant, LAL	78	738	525	2133	27.3
James, MIA	76	765	403	2036	26.8
Harden, HOU	76	572	658	1977	26.0
Westbrook, OKC	80	663	457	1878	23.5
Curry, GOL	76	608	259	1736	22.8
Wade, MIA	68	560	305	1442	21.2
Aldridge, POR	73	626	276	1530	21.0
Lopez, Bro	73	563	291	1417	19.4
Ellis, MIL	80	582	285	1537	19.2
Lillard, POR	80	542	264	1529	19.1
Williams, Bro	77	493	314	1468	19.1
Pierce, BOS	76	471	333	1419	18.7
Lee, GOL	77	588	251	1427	18.5
Griffin, LAC	78	568	276	1417	18.2
Gay, TOR	73	506	236	1325	18.2
Smith, NYK	80	527	237	1446	18.1
Jr. Holiday, PHL	76	546	182	1364	17.9
DeRozan, TOR	80	529	345	1431	17.9

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Jordan, LAC	305	476	.641
Howard, LAL	464	798	.581
McGee, DEN	298	516	.578
Ibaka, OKC	434	757	.573
James, MIA	765	1354	.565
Hickson, POR	414	733	.565
Splitter, SAN	311	554	.561
Johnson, TOR	330	597	.553
Faried, DEN	380	689	.552
Horford, ATL	576	1060	.543

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	75	248	679	927	12.4
Vucevic, ORL	75	265	625	890	11.9
Asik, HOU	80	271	666	937	11.7
Lee, GOL	77	216	649	865	11.2
Randolph, MEM	74	303	525	828	11.2
Evans, Bro	79	257	620	877	11.1
Hickson, POR	78	261	557	818	10.5
Horford, ATL	74	195	562	757	10.2
Cousins, SAC	73	217	501	718	9.8
Boozer, CHI	77	171	579	750	9.7

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	68	656	9.6
Vasquez, NOR	78	704	9.0
Jr. Holiday, PHL	76	622	8.2
Williams, Bro	77	598	7.8
Parker, SAN	65	491	7.6
Rubio, MIN	55	410	7.5
Westbrook, OKC	80	596	7.5
Nelson, ORL	56	413	7.4
Dragic, PHX	76	555	7.3

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	4	.667	_
New York	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Baltimore	6	6	.500	2
Toronto	6	7	.462	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	4	8	.333	4

Central Division

Detroit	7	5	.583	_
Kansas City	7	5	.583	_
Cleveland	5	6	.455	1 1/2
Minnesota	5	7	.417	2
Chicago	5	8	.385	2 1/2

West Division

Oakland	10	4	.714	_
Texas	8	5	.615	1 1/2
Seattle	6	8	.429	4
Houston	4	9	.308	5 1/2
Los Angeles	4	9	.308	5 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	11	1	.917	_
New York	7	4	.636	3 1/2
Washington	8	5	.615	3 1/2
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	5 1/2
Miami	2	11	.154	9 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	8	5	.615	_
Cincinnati	6	7	.462	2
Pittsburgh	6	7	.462	2
Chicago	4	8	.333	3 1/2
Milwaukee	3	8	.273	4

West Division

San Francisco	9	4	.692	_
Arizona	8	4	.667	1/2
Colorado	8	4	.667	1/2
Los Angeles	7	6	.538	2
San Diego	3	10	.231	6

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13th Annual PIC Tennis Championships

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Michael Jones run after the ball during his game against Tony Kim in the boys U12 singles division of the 13th Annual PIC Tennis Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

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Chieko Nagao, right, exchanges high-five with Kazumi Imai after scoring a point against Sakiko Eda and Chiharu Sato.

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Chiharu Sato makes a baseline return to Chieko Nagao and Kazumi Imai.

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Sakiko Eda makes a volley during her and Chiharu Sato's match against Chieko Nagao and Kazumi Imai.

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Boys U18 singles champion Rafael Jones, right, and runner-up Amami Sakano pose for a photo.

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Boys U12 singles champion Robbie Schorr, left, is joined by runner-up Tony Kim at the awards ceremony.

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Boys U15 singles champion Moris Villanueva, right, and second placer Dylan Ackerman smile for the camera.

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Women's open champion Thea Minor, right, and runner-up Mikayla Lopez pose with their trophies.

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From left, runners-up Malika Miyawaki and Julia Ishika and champions Carol Lee and Tania Tan show their girls U12 doubles trophies.

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Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez, right side of the court, and Melody Johnson and Carol Lee meet at the center court before the start of their doubles game.

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Sports

Members and officials of the CNMI U14 National Team pose for a team photo during a send-off ceremony yesterday at the Kanoa Resort.
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CNMI U14 strikers all set for AFC qualifier

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The CNMI U14 National Team is ready for the tough competition in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers in Beijing, China.

"The boys are very excited. They wanted to show that although they are from a small island, they can play high-level football," said coach Wai Wo "Jacky" Lee, who attended the send-off ceremony for the Commonwealth's youth strikers yesterday at the lobby of the Kanoa Resort.

Joining Lee in the send-off event are the 21 members of the squad—MP United's Alex Park, Clayton Izuka, Joshua Abragan, Steve Martin, and Sun Jun Tenorio, Matansa's Euly James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, David Mafnas, Cody Leon, and Joshua De Leon, Tan Holdings' Louie Bryle Calayag, Emmanuel Aniana, Mareko Tekopua, Jherico Tiamzon, Christopher Aninzo, and Albert Bergancia, Paire's Cole Chambers, Won Kwan Kim, Logan Mister, and Anthony Fruit, and Shirley's Edwin Kim—assistant coach Jershwin Angeles, goalkeeper coach and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel, and officials of various football clubs.

"Though our players came from different clubs, they integrat-

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Fielders wallop Angels, 25-7

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The IT&E Fielders had another blowout win in the 2013 Saipan Major League, thrashing the hapless St. Michael's Medical Response Angels, 25-7, last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Field.

After coming off a 19-5 spanking of the winless D-9ers (0-10), 19-5, last Friday, the Fielders picked up where it left off, bringing down the Angels to move up to a 7-3 record and stay in the hunt for the Top 2 spots in the team standings, just half a game behind the second-

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A Fielders runner goes under Angels' Nunu Kapileo as he slides to third base during the top of the sixth inning of their SML game last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield,.

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A Go See Mark Ol'Aces batter waits for the pitch during their game against the Comets II in the Major division of the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

Lopsided wins in Major division

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Three teams cruised to victories in last Sunday's games in the Major division of the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Survivors recorded the most lopsided win in the weekend matches after whipping the Kagman Ford Rangers, 23-2. The Survivors (3-7) notched the victory after only

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40 Agers outclasses Typhoon/Triple J

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The 40 Agers eked out a 76-74 win over the Typhoon/Triple J Motors during the 40-and-above division game in the 2013 Masters Basketball League last Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Sam Fernandez scored the go-ahead basket to lift the 40 Agers to a close win over the Typhoon/Triple J Motors, which bungled its chances of sending the match in overtime when Bruce Berline missed two crucial free throws in the last 9.7 seconds in the fourth quarter.

Despite Berline's muffed charities, Typhoon/Triple J Motors had a couple of opportunities to pull up for a game-tying basket. However, Yosh Gabaldon was blocked in the ensuing play and precious seconds were waited, as teams battle for the loose ball, and Elmer Pineda

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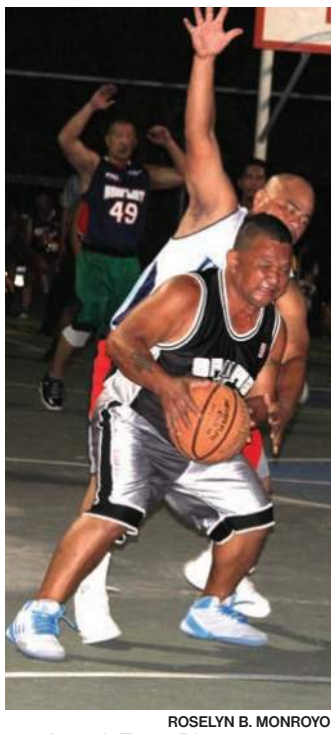
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40 Agers' Tony Diaz pressures a Typhoon/Triple J Motors ballhandler at mid-court during the first quarter of their 40A game in the Masters caging last Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.